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Fraud detectives pressed for BCCI charges years ago



Ashdown: risk of tension in Asian community

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

FRAUD Squad detectives investigating the £240 million collapse of Johnson Matthey Bankers over six years ago pressed for the prosecution of BCCI officials because they believed they were being obstructed in tracing funds of a businessman linked to JMB.

According to police sources, the decision not to prosecute was taken by legal advisers specialising in fraud work. The JMB cases were started by fraud experts working for the Director of Public Prosecutions, who was then Sir Thomas Hetherington. Eventually some cases were passed over to the newly formed Serious Fraud Office. A report was submitted from the JMB detective team formed by the City of London police and Scotland Yard after officers became incensed by difficulties with BCCI. The lawyers felt that there were problems in framing a charge that could be successfully prosecuted.

Detectives had considered a charge of false accounting after dealings with BCCI's main office in Leadenhall. They were certain that the businessman was using an account with the bank under a name that the bank knew. They found themselves stalled when they made approaches and the bank denied holding the assets. The JMB enquiry was carried out on behalf of the Bank of England, which is certain to have been told of the police difficulties. The JMB case was one of several enquiries that raised questions about BCCI.

Customs investigators believed that the London headquarters at one stage kept an office that dealt with between 50 and 100 secret numbered accounts.

In October 1988, customs investigators acting for the American authorities raided the Leadenhall branch in a money-laundering investigation linked to General Noriega. They recovered files involving the general and his family. After the raids, it is alleged, BCCI officials moved the secret accounts to the Middle East.

The Noriega case is said by money-laundering investigators to have been one of half a dozen enquiries involving BCCI. One enquiry involved funds held on behalf of a major cocaine dealer.

In banking, BCCI, closed by the Bank of England on July 5, earned a reputation for specialising in clients who were "high rollers", individuals with large amounts of cash that they wanted moved hither and thither across the world.

☐ Price Waterhouse, the accountancy firm that audited BCCI, made it agree to a change of ownership and a reorganisation only days before it passed its accounts last year (Neil Bennett writes).

The firm told BCCI in April last year that it would not sign accounts for 1989 unless the bank investigated irregular loans used to buy BCCI shares. Twelve days later, it agreed to pass the accounts. In the intervening period, Price Waterhouse is thought to have forced BCCI to accept Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, the ruler of Abu Dhabi, as its majority shareholder. Sheikh Zayed, in turn, pledged financial support for the bank.

☐ The government was warned yesterday that failure to widen the terms of Lord Justice Bingham's enquiry into BCCI's closure could lead to tensions in Britain's Asian community (Robin Oakley writes). Calling for the enquiry to be held in public and empowered to make witnesses attend, Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said that British Asians had been especially affected by the affair.

Mr Ashdown said: "There is great concern within the Asian community that this issue is not being treated with the urgency and openness which it deserves partly because it mainly involves Asian people." Such fears, however unfounded, had to be taken into account, he said.

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UN turns the screw on Iraqi nuclear arms

From James Bone in New York and Martin Fletcher in Washington

THE United Nations is to consider subjecting Iraq to a draconian arms control regime that would allow inspectors to enter the country and mount spot checks whenever and wherever they liked.

Iraq may also be required to allow unprecedented monitoring of its chemical and health industries, to the extent that it would have to notify the UN within a week of any unusual outbreak of an infectious disease affecting people, animals or plants.

The proposals, in a pair of reports by UN commissions for the security council, emerged as the Bush administration used the anniversary of the invasion of Kuwait to reinforce its threat of fresh military strikes should President Saddam Hussein fail to disclose all facets of his nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programme. Richard Cheney, the defence secretary, said in a series of television interviews yesterday that Saddam would be making a big mistake if he believed that America and its allies did not have the stomach for further military action.

"There's no doubt in my mind about our ability to use our military capability if we have to. And there shouldn't be any doubt in his mind about the fact that we are prepared to do that."

Saddam was still trying to save some of the infrastructure needed to produce enriched uranium or plutonium to develop a bomb, he said. "We've actually had inspectors on the scene as he has tried to hide equipment and to move it out of the site."

President Bush repeated his call for the Iraqi military to topple Saddam, and insisted that America would not resume normal relations with Iraq so long as he remained in power. "The argument isn't with the people of Iraq, the argument isn't with the other leaders, the argument is with Saddam Hussein," he told a press conference in Washington. "If the military talked him into stepping aside and getting out of there, I'd give them a real break as far as US policy goes."

Asked what he would do to force Saddam to give up weapons of mass destruction, Mr Bush said: "We keep pressing." The Senate voted overwhelmingly last night to give the president authority to use "all necessary means" to eliminate Iraq's ability to produce such weapons.

An International Atomic Energy Agency team is in Iraq tracking down elements of its nuclear programme and another will today begin searching for biological weapons. Now the security council is to consider a call for inspectors to be given wide-ranging powers to ensure that Iraq does not build up its arsenal again.

The demand comes in reports from the atomic energy agency and from the UN special commission charged with monitoring Iraq's chemical, biological and ballistic weapons. They say UN inspectors should be able to make spot checks, unhindered, whenever they like.

They should be allowed to copy any data, videotape any material, interview any official, take samples of any kind and remove them from the country for testing. UN personnel should be permitted to use their own aircraft and to communicate from any place in Iraq by radio, satellite or any other means, even in code, the reports say.

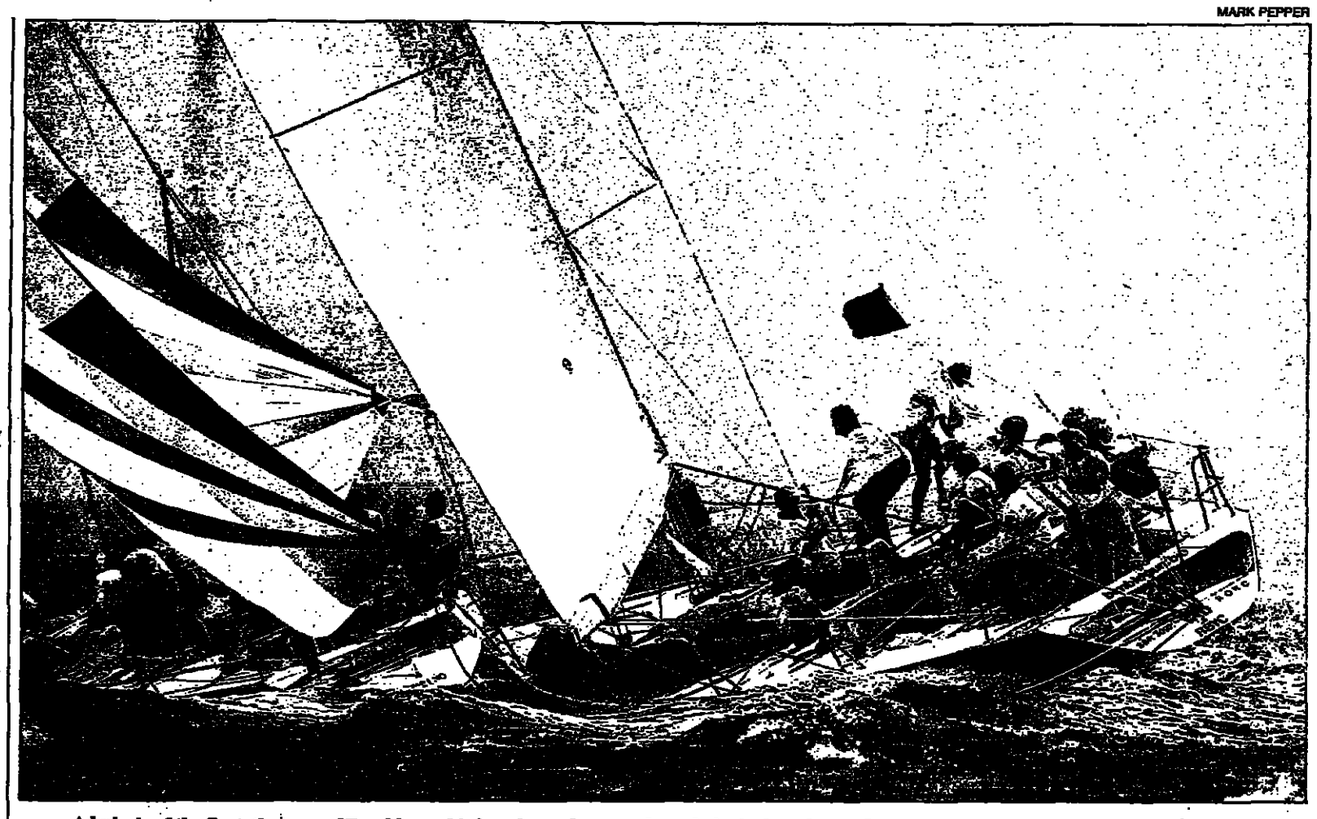
Baghdad would also have to declare any site being used to produce vaccines and notify within a week all infectious diseases "that deviate or appear to deviate from the normal pattern".

The reports go on to call for Iraq to have to declare all missiles with a range of 45 miles — it is banned from acquiring ballistic weapons with a range of more than 90 miles — and to provide an inventory of all nuclear material, facilities and installations. It would have to give six months' notice before building any new facility.

Western diplomats said yesterday that it would probably take the security council several weeks to approve the plan. The five permanent members received a draft this week and are all expected to approve. In the full council, Cuba and Yemen are thought likely to oppose it.

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Punters face levy to stake arts fund

Football pools enthusiasts are being asked to pay extra to fund the arts and sport. John Goodbody reports

The seven million people who each week bet on the football pools with Littlewoods are being asked for extra stake money to help set up the Foundation for Sport and the Arts — although it had been thought that the 2.25 per cent reduction in pools duty announced in the Budget would be sufficient to fund the new body.

It also emerged yesterday that two national museums have acquired gaming licences in order to benefit from a lottery being launched next week. The Tate gallery and Victoria and Albert museum are among 25 arts organisations which stand to gain up to £45,000 each from "Money Match", the second lottery series launched by UK Charity Lotteries and the first to feature the arts so predominantly.

Littlewoods's move is already upsetting punters, who complain that they have not been consulted, and that the foundation, which is expected to give £65 million each year to sport and the arts, should be financed from the profits of Littlewoods, Vernons and

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Bank threat alarms ministers

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor, and Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent

THE decision of two high street banks to cut back lending to small businesses has alarmed the government. Ministers will take care to ensure that banks meet codes of practice agreed last month with the Chancellor.

Ministerial concern was raised by yesterday's announcement by the Midland Bank that it would be more cautious in lending to small businesses. Barclays announced a similar cut earlier in the week.

Downing Street and the Treasury made plain yesterday that the review in six months' time of the banks' behaviour towards small businesses will be more than a cosmetic exercise.

The Tories are looking to the small business sector to help lead the economy out of recession in the run-up to an election next year. They believe that the banks are making scapegoats of reputable small businesses to excuse imprudent lending in the boom years.

Last month's Treasury and Bank of England investigation of the high street banks concluded that there was no cartel. But the Chancellor referred to the Office of Fair Trading complaints that banks had increased their charges by up to 55 per cent.

The banks agreed to establish a code of conduct making plain their charges and penalties. Ministers are determined that they should be kept up to the mark on that in the review.

The Midland's decision comes after provisions of £530 million on bad debts made it plunge to a £71 million loss in the first half of the year. More than half its bad loans were to small and medium business.

Brian Pearse, the chief executive, said that the bank would lend less to small companies at higher interest rates and backed by larger security. "In the early years of economic recovery we are going to be a lot more careful about who we lend money to."

Banks will demand that company directors put more of their own money into a venture and pay higher interest.

Mr Pearse said yesterday that the economy was "bumping along the bottom" of an unexpectedly severe recession. Asked if he was optimistic about an upturn, he replied: "No, we are not, I'm afraid. We see no upturn in any part of the economy."

Mr Pearse said that his gloomy view, which contrasted with Norman Lamont's weekend prediction of "dramatic progress", reflected the bank's big lending losses and its business contacts.

● Mr Pearce's comments coincided with new government figures which confirmed that an economic recovery was unlikely to begin before the autumn (Anatole Kaletsky writes). The Central Statistical Office said its index of shorter leading indicators, designed to signal turning points in the economy about six months in advance, fell again in June, after increasing marginally the previous month.

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Boat case 'to end'

THE Director of Public Prosecutions yesterday said that he may prevent a private prosecution being brought over the Marchioness disaster unless there was substantial new material.

A private prosecution is being brought by Ivor Glogg, whose wife died in the tragedy. His solicitor said she had received a letter from the DPP, saying that, in the absence of any substantial admissible evidence previously unknown to him, "the director's present intention is to take over the conduct of the proceedings with a view to discontinuing them".

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Baker fails to win Palestinian support

From Richard Beeston in Jerusalem

JAMES Baker, the American Secretary of State, pressed home his latest success in winning Israeli acceptance of his peace proposals by telling Palestinian leaders that they had become the only regional group who had still not agreed to attend the regional peace conference in October.

Mr Baker had hoped, in four hours of talks at the American consulate in Jerusalem, to bring enough international pressure to bear on the Palestinian leaders to win their acceptance of his plan as he had the previous day with Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli leader. But his discussions were inconclusive and led only to fresh demands from the Palestinian side for American guarantees on the substance of the conference. At the talks were Faisal Husseini,

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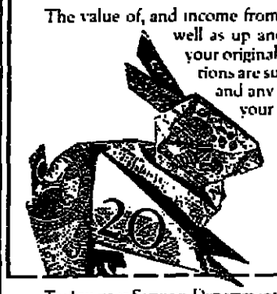
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A saint in the making for the royal family



Fr Spencer: shocked family by conversion

By Ruth Gledhill
Religious Affairs Correspondent

THE Prince and Princess of Wales could one day have a saint in the family, it was disclosed yesterday. The great-great-granduncle of the Princess of Wales has taken the first formal step towards beatification.

Fr Ignatius Spencer, the youngest son of the second Lord Spencer, First Lord of the Admiralty, and Lavinia, daughter of the first Earl of Lucan, shocked his aristocratic family when he converted to Roman Catholicism in the last century. The Catholic newspaper *The Universe* disclosed yesterday that the official cause to make Fr Spencer a saint has been formally introduced in Rome. The Vatican has authorised a thorough investigation into his life to establish his holiness. This will now begin in the Catholic Archdiocese of Liverpool, where his body lies. For the cause to proceed towards beatification and ultimate canonisation, proof of at least two miracles will be needed.

Fr Mark White, parish priest of St Anne and Blessed Dominic, St Helens, Merseyside, the monastery where Fr Spencer was rector when he died, said that any claims of miraculous cures could not be investigated until the paperwork needed to prove holiness had been completed. Another priest connected with the cause said the process could take 50 years.

In 1830 the Hon George Spencer, born in the Admiralty in London in 1799 and educated at Eton College and Cambridge, abandoned a promising career as an Anglican clergyman in a country vicarage near Althorp for the embattled English Catholic community. As a young man, during his grand tour of Europe, he was profoundly influenced by the last scene of Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, which he saw in Paris, and in which the dissolute Don Giovanni is seized and carried off to Hell.

He left the Anglican church a few years before it was shaken out of its complacency by the Oxford Movement and the evangelical revival.

Throughout his life, Fr Spencer emphasised the importance of spiritual renewal, prayer and conversion to Christ.

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Navy's latest £405m submarine could not fire torpedoes

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Royal Navy's latest class of submarine went to sea three years late and unable to fire torpedoes. It will take until mid-1993 to get the four Upholder-class submarines into full working order, according to the all-party Commons select committee on defence.

The navy compromised on the design of the £405 million Upholder, built at Barrow-in-Furness by VSEL, and Unseen, Ursula and Unicorn, being built at Birkenhead by Cammell Laird for a total of £390 million, in the hope of encouraging export sales of the new submarine. So far no overseas orders have been won.

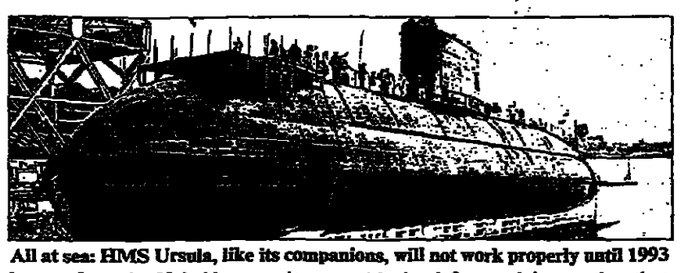
The type-2400, diesel-electric SSK boats, replacing the Oberon class submarines, are the first new-style conventional submarines to be built in the United Kingdom for 30 years. They are designed to be faster and quieter and to require smaller crews.

Upholder was accepted into the fleet in 1990, three years late, but will be taken out of service later this year to rectify faults in its weapons handling and discharge system. Unseen and Ursula will dock later for modifications.

The faults meant that Upholder took to sea with its torpedo tubes locked shut and it has only a "limited capacity for firing torpedoes" following "delicate drills on board".

The defence committee's latest report says that it seems likely that Upholder, which will formally complete its fleet weapons acceptance trials late next year, will prove to be an excellent submarine. The committee urges the government to build six, not four, SSKs.

It admits that its report has the benefit of hindsight and says that many of the



All at sea: HMS Ursula, like its companions, will not work properly until 1993

lessons from the Upholder experience appear to have been learned. But the MPs are sharply critical on a number of points.

They argue that the design arrangements contained the "classic ingredients" for problems. It was a cost-plus contract. Responsibility for integrating the vessel, weapons and equipment lay with the defence ministry rather than with the contractor. Project management was spread between several parts of the ministry and it had a lower priority than the Vanguard project, in which the contractor was involved at the same time.

The report says: "It would not be acceptable for MoD to place a future warship design contract which left the ministry responsible for overall integration of the vessel with its weapons and major equipments."

The committee believes that there should have been a single ministry manager for the project and comments: "It is unsatisfactory that MoD should apparently accept 'first of class' delays and extra costs as more or less inevitable." It urges the ministry to review its attitude toward investing in shore-based prototypes.

The MPs add: "It is surprising ... that MoD does not appear to have undertaken any review of the Upholder design-setting process to see if there are lessons to be learned which would be relevant to other new equipment programmes."

Noting the lack of export orders, the MPs say: "It is clearly not in the best interests of either the Royal Navy or industry for the Royal Navy to compromise on its design requirements in the interests of promoting exports and then for the resultant equipment not to sell."

Upholder entered service in December last year, some three years later than planned. The committee says that problems on the prototype system accounted for 15 months of that time. A further 14 months' delay was occasioned by changes in requirements, minor design changes and weather disruption of sea trials and another 14-month delay was caused by industrial disputes and "shipbuilder performance shortfalls".

Procurement of Upholder class submarines (Stationery Office; £9.80)

Successful motor chain told to stop selling cars

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

EXECUTIVES running a chain of more than 100 motor dealers has been told to stop selling cars because they are too successful.

The Colt Car Company, which sells Japanese-made Mitsubishi models, has to reduce sales by 20 per cent, which means that dealers could run out of cars and have nothing to sell in the first two months of 1992. They will then have to sell demonstration cars from the showroom window or add orders to a waiting list.

Colt is the first company to fall victim to the strict quota agreements which govern the import of Japanese cars. Under the voluntary agreement, Japanese car makers can take no more than 11 per cent of the British market. A deal agreed this week also limits its sales of imports throughout Europe. Colt seems to have suffered quickly from Japan's desire not to offend the British government and also to spread sales evenly across the markets of the European Community.

Mitsubishi has been told by JAMA, the Japanese motor trade association and the equivalent of Britain's Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, that its sales must be reduced by about 1,000 cars to meet quota limits after a mid-year review in Tokyo. Other importers of Japanese cars say that they have not been informed yet of the quota review.

However, Colt executives say that they are being penalised for their success at a time when the rest of the industry is struggling. David Miles, the company's spokesman, said last night: "It is all totally illogical. We are having to pull back because of the uncertainty over what now happens."

Shipments in the autumn will be cancelled and Colt is scrapping plans to open eight new showrooms because it will only have enough cars to satisfy demand from its existing dealers this year.

Colt's sales would probably have been reduced this year from the 14,500 registrations of 1990 because of the recession. However, its share of the market has risen from little over half of one per cent to three-quarters of one per cent, in concert with similar rises for Daihatsu, Honda, Isuzu, Mazda and Toyota.

The growing popularity of these Japanese makes of car was not thought to be enough to offet the huge losses sustained by Nissan, whose UK sales could be almost halved this year, mainly as a result of the dispute between the manufacturer and Nissan UK, its independent distributor. Nissan UK this week lost its fight to retain its distributorship in the face of Nissan's decision to set up its own showroom chain.

As a result, Nissan UK became the latest company to pull out of the London Motorfair, due to be held at Earls Court next month. The distributor had been planning to show 20 Nissan cars but will not now have any cars to sell.

Advanced calculator banned in exams

By JOHN SHAW

CAMBRIDGE university has banned advanced calculators from the examination room because it feels they can make it easier for the undergraduates.

Students are using such high-tech equipment that some examinations are said to be turning into more a test of the calculator's ability than the student's. Officials have decided to make changes as from the new term in October.

In future, first-year students in economics, politics, engineering, biology, land economy, natural sciences and medicine will have to use a calculator of the university's choice in their end-of-year examinations. Faculties plan to sell the Casio FX-100Ds to every student at £10 each.

No other model will be acceptable for examinations. Each will bear an official identification mark to make sure students do not take more advanced models into the examination room.

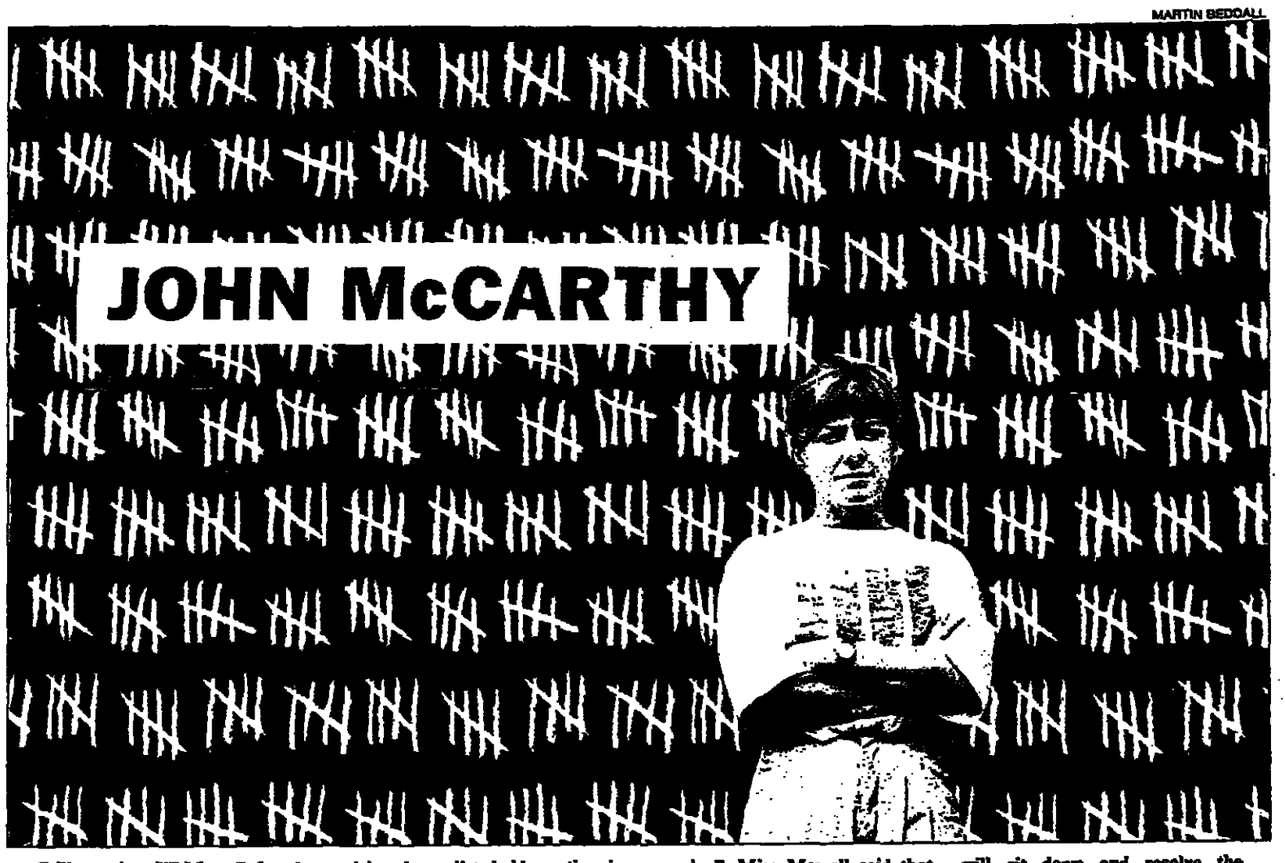
Dick Holmes, secretary of the university board of examinations, said: "When you are invigilating you just cannot tell at a glance — and that is all you get — what calculator a student is using, and that is one of the problems. After discussion, we decided the best thing to do was to purchase a machine the university regards as suitable, with a restricted range of functions which would suit, say, economics and land economy on the one hand, through to engineering on the other."

Mr Holmes said that Bath university was already issuing approved calculators just before examinations begin. However, Cambridge thought it better for the students to use the specified machine throughout the year, thereby having the chance to get used to it, he added.

● An appeal to boost research at Cambridge has reached £100 million in just over two years, it was disclosed yesterday. The figure has pleased fundraisers, who aim to bring in £250 million over ten years.

The £100 million has come in from all quarters since the Cambridge foundation was set up in 1989 to raise the cash. Donations have come from Britain, the United States and Japan. Companies such as Rolls-Royce, Barclays and the Wellcome Trust have contributed, and the university and colleges have pledged £50 million.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Still counting: Jill Morrell, founder of the Friends of John McCarthy, in front of one of the posters being placed throughout London in a publicity campaign launched yesterday by supporters of the television journalist held captive in Beirut. The posters bear tally symbols and the message "John McCarthy still counts". He has been held for 1,937 days and the group considers his release "cruelly overdue". Miss Morrell said that she hoped that the campaign would "remind people that John has been left to sit in a Beirut basement for five years", adding: "We are hoping that the governments concerned will sit down and resolve the problem of the hostages." The British government was showing increased concern, but "real determination" to resolve the problem was needed, she said.

Workshy ants enjoy lazy daze

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

"GO TO the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise," advises the Bible's *Proverbs*. Scientists who followed its advice found that the ant spends 20 per cent of its time being busy and the rest, well, sluggish.

The record for animal slothfulness may well be held by the spadefoot toad of the deserts of southwestern America which spends 11 months underground doing nothing.

The study of how animals spend their time — called time budget analysis — has shown that sometimes they keep still to save energy, sometimes to digest food. By not moving they can hide or stay cool.

Being lazy is almost universal, according to Joan Herbers of Vermont university. The howling monkey, she found, spent 70 per cent of its time resting, while the gorilla was motionless only half the time. Biologists regard these figures not as evidence of laziness but how well adapted animals are.

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Hostages meet to recall Iraq ordeal

By RAY CLANCY

BRITISH hostages held in hotels and at strategic sites in Iraq during the Gulf war held a reunion last night and sent a message of thanks to Edward Heath, the MP and former prime minister, who negotiated for their release.

They travelled from Scotland, Devon, Luton and Canterbury to the Croydon Park Hotel in southeast London to talk about their ordeal and how they have managed since returning to Britain.

Heat, lack of food, tension and not knowing what was going to happen were aspects of the ordeal that were relived as tears mingled with smiles and glasses clinked in toasts to the future and to peace in the Middle East.

Peter Stubbs, a former hostage, organised the evening to keep in touch with fellow hostages who became his friends. Almost a year to the day since his detention in Kuwait City as he went in search of supplies, he recalled the event. He had been working at the Mesila Beach Hotel, Kuwait, when the Iraqis invaded. He and others went into hiding, venturing on to the streets only for shopping. "Three of us were out seeking some essential supplies when we were stopped and arrested at gunpoint," he said. "We were held for a few hours and then taken to Baghdad."

Mr Stubbs was held at a power station on the outskirts of Baghdad and at one in northern Iraq. "I suppose it was the uncertainty that was worst," he said. "But we held together, we kept each other going and became firm friends — after all, we were spending 24 hours a day in the same confined space for months."

Mr Stubbs was eventually released in December, when Saddam Hussein let his "guests", as he referred to hostages, go free.

Many hostages and their families are suffering financial and psychological problems. A survey of the 1,000 members of Hostages of the Middle East has found that 75 per cent have not received wages due from employment in Kuwait. Sums due average £20,000.

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Silence ended on Britons' torture

By LIN JENKINS

AS DETAILS of the physical torture and psychological abuse suffered by American prisoners of war at the hands of their Iraqi captors emerged before a panel in Washington, military sources in the UK confirmed that British servicemen had been similarly treated.

Colonel Bill Jordan of the US Army has told the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, which is assessing the evidence for possible war crime charges, that all American PoWs had been abused.

Fears that Britons had been mistreated surfaced early in the war, when Flight Lieutenants John Peters and Adrian Nichol were paraded on Iraqi television looking battered and bruised. A colleague in the Tornado aircrew said: "It was obvious to all of us that they had been beaten."

The defence ministry said that the 12 British PoWs — seven RAF crew and five men from special forces — had been told not to discuss their treatment. All had been offered psychological help in overcoming stress arising from such trauma, a spokesman said.

"It is for legal reasons that they were told not to discuss what happened. There has been a great deal of talk about the possibility of war crimes trials, and if there is an investigation into criminal activities it could be prejudiced by talking out of turn. But none wishes to talk about it anyway."

It is understood that the torture of the RAF airmen was mainly limited to beatings. Reports of electric-shock torture were not as widespread as those from American PoWs. An RAF instructor in resistance to interrogation, who did not wish to be named, said all servicemen were prepared for the prospect of being tortured after capture. "I don't think it comes as any great suprise that PoWs were tortured."

Douglas Brand, the British businessman released from an Iraqi prison last month, has given a graphic account of how he was repeatedly tortured at the hands of his guards.

Tide recedes for the yesteryear stars of seaside show

By ALAN HAMILTON

REMEMBER Bobby Crush? Got to number 37 in the charts in 1972. And Peters and Lee, who had a No 1 with *Welcome Home* round about 1973? The trouble is, though, they just do not pack them in like they used to.

Bridlington, Humberside, nearly witnessed the end of its end-of-the-pier show this week. Attendances at the evening performances of Crush, Peters and Lee and an assortment of supporting acts were barely a third of last year's box office. As a result, the show was on the verge of closure — until the council stepped in.

KJ Entertainments, the promoters, asked East Yorkshire borough council to subsidise the show for the rest of its run. However, it declined to do so and instead reviewed the programme. Bobby Crush survives in his Monday and Tuesday spots, and Peters and Lee will still appear on Wednesdays and



Show must go on: Bobby Crush and Peters and Lee are reprieved at Bridlington

Thursdays but are axed on Fridays to make way for a local talent contest. The Saturday hypnotist survives but the Sunday ventriloquist is banished.

Richard Primmer, assistant director of tourism for Bridlington, said: "It's vital to have something for people to do in the evening. Heavy drinking palls after a while." The sharp drop in box office receipts was chiefly due to the recession, he said, but was also an indication of changing holiday patterns. Nowadays, more people took trips to seaside resorts rather than staying for a whole fortnight, he added.

However, Nick Thomas, an agent based in Scarborough, North Yorkshire, and a leading producer of seaside shows, said yesterday: "Bobby Crush and Peters and Lee are high-priced acts, but they're not exactly crowd pullers. They should never have been booked for Bridlington. It's not a show town and its entertainment has always been very much category three."

Category three is, in professional show business terms, as far from Sinatra as it is possible to get without succumbing to amateur talent.

Piers elsewhere, however, are riding the recession much more successfully, according to Mr Thomas. "Take Blackpool, England's Las Vegas with curry sauce. Business is holding up there extremely well this year. But it is a special case; the illuminations give it an unusually long season and its excellent motorway access means it attracts the day visitors. People will go to Blackpool just to see a show."

Mr Thomas's principal Blackpool production this year, called *Rock With Laughter*, features Seventies pop music loosely tied together with a slender story line. He said: "Television has killed people's attention span. You can't just let an act loose on the stage for an hour and a quarter like you used to do. You have to produce it, package it, dress it up."

He expects his show to gross more than £1 million during its 17-week run, although he has already noticed that spending on programmes, drinks and snacks in the theatre is down on last year, even if ticket sales are not.

Peter Hepple, editor of *The Stage*, said yesterday that he knew of no seaside shows outside Bridlington which had closed this summer, although runs were much shorter than they used to be. "At many of the smaller resorts now, the council have to underwrite the show and guarantee the artists' fees before a promoter will even consider coming in." One such production was *Chess*, the musical at Paignton, Devon, costing almost £100,000 a week to stage.

There are mixed reports from other resorts. Jim Davidson is said to be struggling in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, but the Barron Knights are doing even better business than last year at Weymouth, Dorset. Lovely act, the Barron Knights; didn't they get to number 45 in 1980 with *Just A Giggle*?

Nurse is attacked in office

An enquiry into security at a hospital is under way after a night nurse alone on duty was knocked out and tied up early yesterday.

An internal review has been launched at Christie hospital, south Manchester, and William Waldegrave, the health secretary, said he would look at the results, study any implications and "see whether there is anything further that can be done".

Teresa McFarland, aged 35, was on duty in Ward 7 — a 28-bed, ground floor "hostel" used for overnight stays by patients travelling long distances. She was attacked at about 2.30am yesterday after going to investigate a noise. Finding nothing, she returned to the sister's office and was sitting with her back to the door when a blow on the back of her head knocked her out.

She came round ten minutes later to find herself tied her to a chair with wool. There were no signs of a forced entry. She was last night recovering at home.

Dispute over QE2 crew

Reports that Cunard was to replace the remaining British crew members of the liner QE2 with Filipinos sparked a political dispute last night but were dismissed by a company spokesman. He said negotiations would begin at an early date to regularise the position of 140 of the crew of 1,017.

He refused to comment on the nature of the negotiations but they are believed to concern transferring the 140 to individual contracts, as is the case with the remainder of the crew of this and many other Cunard vessels.

Kidnappers get ransom

A businessman handed over a large sum of money to kidnappers yesterday after four armed men burst into his home at Colchester, Essex, on Thursday night and carried off his wife and two teenaged sons, police said.

The wife and two sons were driven more than 30 miles to a wooded area in Suffolk where they were held hostage. The husband was taken to another part of Suffolk. The wife and sons were able to contact police at 3.30pm. The husband telephoned about an hour later.

Sea tributes

Divers using two mini-submarines are to mark the graves of more than 1,000 seamen who died when two British warships sank 50 years ago. White ensigns will be placed on the wreckage of HMS Prince of Wales and Repulse, lying 200ft deep off the Malaysian coast, where they were sunk by Japanese aircraft in 1941. The £30,000 operation will be funded from private contributions.

Labour apology

Labour has apologised to Billy Hayes, a union branch secretary in Liverpool, for mistakenly suspending him for allegedly supporting Lesley Mahmood in the Walton by-election. Mr Hayes, a party member for 15 years, had supported Peter Kilfoyle, the official candidate. Joyce Gould, party organiser, said the person who said Mr Hayes had supported Miss Mahmood had withdrawn his statement.

£9m will

Denys Sutton, the art critic who died in January, aged 73 left his entire estate worth more than £9 million to his third wife, Cynthia, in his will published yesterday. Mr Sutton, former editor of the fine art magazine *Apollo*, left £9,108,832 net.

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Relatives of Thames riverboat disaster victims are outraged by 'denial of natural justice'

Marchioness manslaughter case may be ended by DPP

By Lin Jenkins

RELATIVES of the 51 people who died in the Marchioness pleasure boat tragedy say they are being denied natural justice after yesterday's disclosure by the director of public prosecutions that he intends to take over and end a private prosecution for manslaughter unless substantial new evidence has been found.

Sir Allan Green, QC, wrote to solicitors acting for Ivor Glogg, whose wife Ruth Hadden died in the tragedy, asking them to forward all the evidence they had to support their case against the owners of the dredger Bowbelle and four of the company's senior managers. He said that in the absence of any substantial new evidence he would use his powers to take over the case and end it before it went to commital at Bow Street magistrates court later this year.

Louise Christian, Mr Glogg's solicitor, said that such action would be unprecedented. "These powers are only rarely used and in cases where someone is sick or elderly or if the prosecution constitutes a harrassment.

"If he believes we may not have sufficient evidence, and we believe we do, then he should wait until the committal. If we fail to produce a proper case there, it will not be committed to the crown court and that will be the end of the matter."

Mr Glogg said that he was outraged by the letter. "This is the only disaster where there has been no airing in public of the circumstances. I would not have had to bring this action if the CPS [Crown Prosecution Service] had done their job."

The DPP announced in April last year that he would not be bringing any prosecution for manslaughter. An attempt in the High Court by another bereaved relative to seek judicial review into the decision failed, although the judge, Mr Justice Nolan, said that it was entirely understandable for the relatives to want a public enquiry.

Ms Christian said: "We have the feeling that there is a reluctance by the authorities in this country to take action against corporate concerns and make them accountable when there has been a disaster. If this case is not allowed to be brought, and it is a serious and substantial prosecution based on evidence we did not have before, then it has serious implications for those involved in other disasters."

Mr Glogg was granted summonses at Bow Street magistrates court last week against South Coast Shipping Ltd of Southampton, Robert Samuel, the general manager, Edward Greenwood, the superintendent, Peter Butcher, operations manager, and Brian Darwell, the marine manager. Mr Glogg has spent £20,000 so far in bringing the case and estimates that by the time it reaches committal he will have spent £70,000.

"The costs could be much greater because if I lose I may well have to pay the defendants' legal costs. For the Crown Prosecution Service to threaten to take it over and stop it is very high handed," Mr Glogg said.

Billy Gorman, whose sister-in-law perished when the two boats collided on the Thames two years ago, said: "It would seem that there is a conspiracy at the very highest level to prevent us from knowing what happened. It would be disgraceful not to allow this case to continue." Eileen Dallaglio, whose daughter Francesca, aged 19, was the youngest victim among the 51 dead, said: "After all this time we are still not allowed to know what went on."

Ms Christian would not disclose the nature of the evidence on which they proposed to rely, and could not say whether such information had been before Sir Allan when he had made his decision.

Sir Allan has powers under the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 to take over the case and drop it. The act also allows him to take over a case and continue it, which often occurs when a private criminal prosecution has been committed by the magistrates to the crown court.

A spokesman for the Crown Prosecution Service said that two private prosecutions had been taken over and stopped by the DPP before reaching committal. One was where a man awaiting trail on charges of perverting the course of justice tried to prosecute one of the witnesses for perjery, and the other, in 1978, was when a convicted robber took out a private prosecution against a witness against whom the crown had dropped charges when he agreed to give evidence for the Crown.

Ms Christian has written to Sir Allan saying that she is astonished by his request and does not intend to hand over the papers by the deadline of the end of next week. "It is a fundemental right of citizens to bring a private prosecution and we intend to continue," she said.



The Marchioness, which sank after a collision with the dredger Bowbelle, and, clockwise from bottom left, Douglas Henderson, captain of the Bowbelle, Ivor Glogg, husband of a victim, Louise Christian, solicitor for the victims' families, and Billy Gorman, whose sister-in-law died

Timetable of two-year saga

THE key dates in the story of the Marchioness sinking in 1989 are:

Aug 20: Marchioness sinks

Aug 21: Michael Portillo, transport minister, announces enquiry by Marine Accident Investigation Bureau, rejects calls from bereaved for public enquiry

Aug 22: New safety measures implemented on Thames including head counts and emergency briefings

Aug 22-26: First inquests opened and adjourned by Westminster coroner Dr Paul Knapman

March 20, 1990: Part of Marine Accident Investigation Bureau report leaked

March 21: Transport department announces new safety measures on Thames

April 6: Police report on disaster delivered to Director of Public Prosecutions

April 23: Inquest resumed

April 26: DPP announces Douglas Henderson, master of Bowbelle, to be charged with alleged breach of his statutory duty under 1988 Merchant Shipping Act. Dr Knapman adjourns inquest because of pending prosecution

Oct 31: Mr Justice Nolan rejects application to High Court by bereaved husband for leave to seek judical review over DPP decision not to bring charges for manslaughter. He sympathises with families' wish to have a public enquiry

April 4: Trial of Mr Henderson begins at Old Bailey

April 14: Jury unable to reach verdict and discharged by judge

July 17: Second trail of Mr Henderson begins at St Alban's crown court

July 22: Chief stipendiary magistrate Sir David Hopkin issues summons against owners of Bowbelle and four of company's employees in Ivor Glogg's private criminal prosecution for manslaughter

July 31: Jury unable to reach verdict in second trial and Crown states it will no longer pursue the case. Mr Justice Boreham enters a verdict of not guilty.

Teenage swindler gets four years

By Robin Young

A TEENAGER who posed as a City stockbroker in a £466,000 mortgage fraud was sentenced to four years' youth custody by the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mark Acklom, who was 16 when he carried out a series of theft and deceptions, was described as "utterly selfish and completely ruthless" by Judge Brian Pryor, QC. Acklom spent £11,000 after stealing his father's credit card, swindled a former teacher out of £13,000, and ran up a £34,000 bill with a private charter jet company.

He lavished money on girlfriends and obtained £446,168 from the Leeds Permanent building society to buy a house in Dulwich, south London. He cheated investors by posing as a £200,000 a year investment broker in the City of London, and continued swindling, by forging a cheque to hire a BMW car, even while he was on bail.

Before announcing the sentence, the judge told Acklom: "You show the typical symptoms of a conman. You spun lies which were quite clearly adapted to suit the circumstances. That you are utterly selfish is certainly true and you were completely ruthless about the effect you were having on the victims of your crimes."

Judge Pryor said that Acklom, now aged 18, had told lies after lies after lies in order to get money "so you could squander it on self-indulgent pleasures and in gratifying your gambler's desires for speculation".

The judge dismissed the plea in mitigation which defence counsel had advanced, arguing that Acklom was out of touch with reality.

Dealer jailed for forgery

STEPHEN Francis, a dealer aged 27 who was at one time personally responsible for more than a fifth of New Zealand's national debt, was jailed yesterday for forgery.

A jury at the Central Criminal Court convicted Francis, of Pimlico, central London, on two charges of using of false documents to obtain credit. The jury could not agree on eight other fraud charges which were left on the court file. Francis was ordered to pay £50,000 costs.

The court was told that Francis had forged documents from a US financial institution which enabled him to trade on the futures market as though he was their agent. When the futures Francis had invested in were cashed, the bankers he dealt through were left with a £6 million loss. Had Francis cashed his assets while the market was with him he would have been a multi-millionaire, the court was told.

The trader was given almost unlimited credit on the New Zealand futures market and invested nearly £250 million pounds, a fifth of the country's national debt. Francis was regarded as one of the City's most successful young dealers. He worked for Barclays Bank in Hong Kong, New Zealand and London before setting himself up in business.

Outlook on grouse is mixed

By Michael McCarthy
Environment Correspondent

PROSPECTS for the Glorious Twelfth, the opening of the grouse shooting season a week on Monday, look better than last year on most English moors and in the Scottish borders, but are poorer in the Highlands, according to the Game Conservancy Trust.

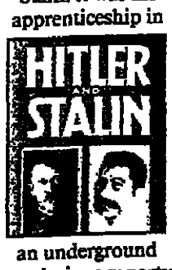
With grouse counts completed at more than 70 locations, the conservancy's scientists say that birds have bred well in the Pennines despite cold weather earlier this year. Further north the picture is more variable and a combination of factors has reduced the breeding population in Scotland, Peter Hudson, of the trust's upland research unit, says. On drier moors, heather failed to provide hens with early food.

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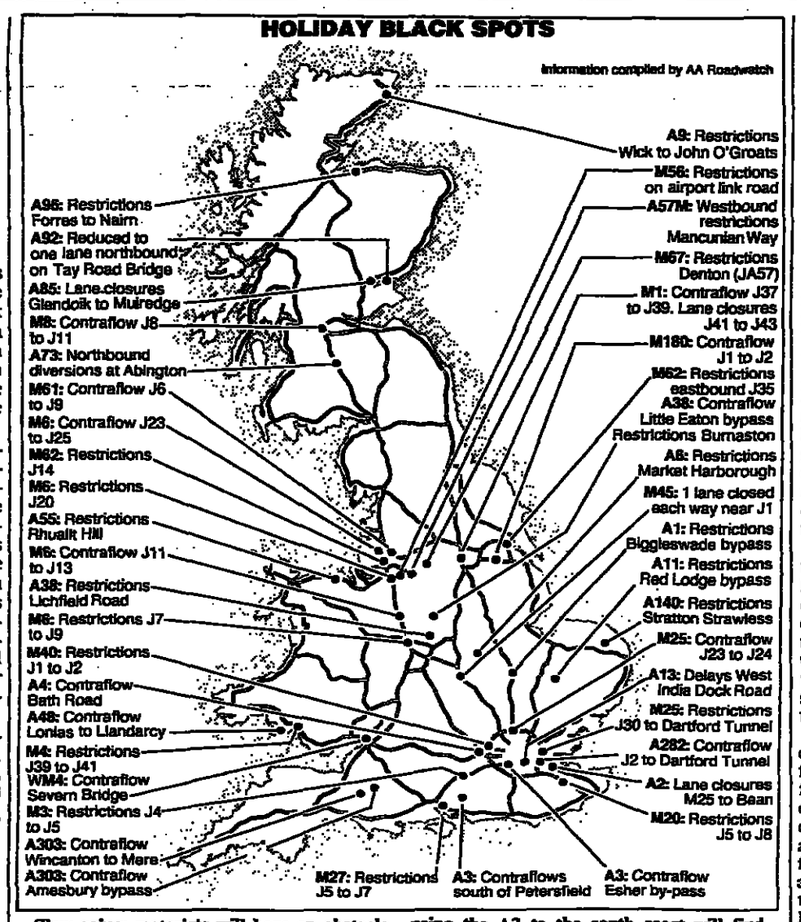
Two faces of tyranny

Both Stalin and Hitler were outsiders who started without advantage. The formative experience of Hitler's life was the first world war. For Stalin it was his apprenticeship in



an underground revolutionary party and the long periods he spent in tsarist prisons and in exile. By 1918 both had acquired a fixed set of beliefs which were never disturbed by intellectual doubt.

Alan Bullock, beginning exclusive extracts from his new book, in The Sunday Times tomorrow



Slow going: motorists will have an obstacle course to contend with on many roads this weekend. Holidaymakers bound for the West Country may be affected by the contraflow system on the A303 between Wincanton, Somerset, and Mere, Wiltshire, while those using the A3 to the south coast will find contraflows on the Esher bypass in Surrey and south of Petersfield, Hampshire. There are roadworks on both carriageways of the Dartford tunnel and improvements are being carried out to the Severn bridge.

Imitation may be a sign of future achievement

John O'Leary reports on current research into the earliest signs of high intelligence

BABIES who imitate accurately and regularly reach successfully for objects could be demonstrating the first signs of exceptional levels of achievement in later life.

Although the testing of intelligence at an early age remains primitive, researchers believe that, before they reach the age of two, children already have the potential for high achievement. Joan Freeman, a London university lecturer, told the world congress on gifted and talented children, held in The Hague, that intelligence might be established by the age of three to four months.

Dr Freeman, president of the European Council for High Ability, was the director of a 15-year study of gifted children in Britain. She told the conference: "My overwhelming conclusion ... is that it is never too soon to start helping children develop their abilities."

The length of time babies can remember things at two to four months has been identified as one measure of development, while the period over which they can pay attention to something they find stimulating is said to account for about a quarter of the variations in subsequent IQ scores. Signs of potential among slightly older babies are more easily noticed. High achievers in Dr Freeman's study often showed early signs of exceptional concentration, memory and talking. Parents can influence their babies even before they are born, Dr Freeman believes, but discovering how various forms of parental behaviour affect different kinds of babies remains a formidable task. Speaking and listening to babies and helping them practise basic tasks are among the accepted forms of assistance.

She said: "Much of a child's intellectual future can be enhanced by stimulation and interaction with language — not just in passing, but systematically." Starting from birth, parents should help their children to achieve goals and acquire knowledge, especially in the development of language.

Psychologists differ on the age by which the most gifted 3 per cent of the population has developed its key attributes. James Webb, of Wright State university, Ohio, one of the leaders in the field, thinks that five or six is a more realistic age for assessment. He said the most gifted children are likely to have some of the following characteristics in pre-school years: early speaking; strong curiosity; good memory; an unusual sense of humour, sometimes using puns; dismantling and putting things together in unusual ways; a penchant for organising others, often in complicated games; imaginary playmates; and teaching themselves to read. About one in five also needs significantly less sleep than average.

Welsh plead to blow own trumpet

By Tim Jones

AS THE great annual gathering of Joneses, Robertses and Williamses' begins today, and Welsh men and women meet within a harp song of Offa's Dyke to celebrate their national eisteddfod, officials of the Wales Tourist Board claim that Whitehall is preventing them from enticing more foreign visitors to the land of their fathers.

Now the huge earth fortification built by the king of Mercia to keep the Celtic tribes at bay has all but disappeared the Welsh complain that the law is discriminating against their efforts to introduce the splendours of Snowdon and the delights of the Gower to travellers from overseas. They say that because they



are prevented by the Development of Tourism Act, 1969, from advertising the principality abroad, many potential tourists think the land is knee-deep in coal, populated by arsonists or, worse, they are unaware of its existence. To try to end what he considers an injustice, Prys Edwards, chairman of the tourist board, is pressing David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, to change the law and allow Wales to blow its own trumpet. The legislation was amended in 1984 to allow Scotland to market its own banks and braes in foreign fields.

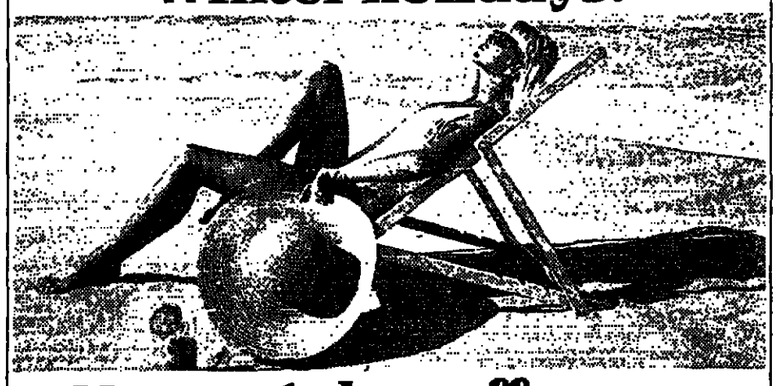
Mr Edwards said: "It's ridiculous that only the British Tourist Authority (BTA) can promote Wales abroad while the English and Scottish boards market themselves direct."

Last year, Wales tapped only 1.7 per cent of the £7.7 billion foreign market and only 3.7 per cent of foreign tourists coming to Britain visited Wales. Earlier this year, the BTA prevented the Wales board marketing the principality in Ireland by withholding the £30,000 needed for the promotion campaign.

Mr Edwards is also concerned about Wales' lack of promotion in continental Europe.

While hundreds of expatriate Welsh people, some from the old settlement of Patagonia, will attend the week-long festival of poetry and song, near Mold, most foreign tourists will aim for the honey pots of England. But tourism is still the largest industry in Wales, earning £1.4 billion from the 8.5 million English and Scottish visitors each year.

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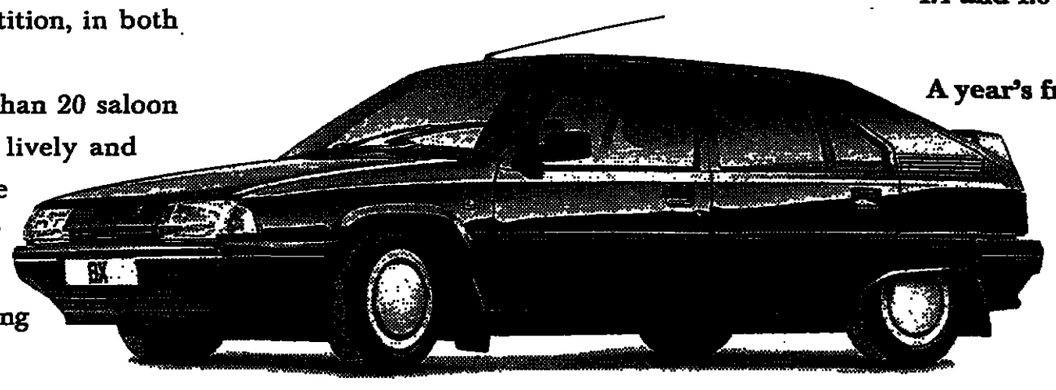
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Report to answer why Chapeltown disturbance went unchallenged for four hours

Police order enquiry into looting spree by Leeds youths

By Jamie Dettmer

A SENIOR police officer is to investigate a disturbance this week in which about 100 youths rampaged through the Chapeltown district of Leeds damaging a social club and looting shops, West Yorkshire's police authority was told yesterday.

Police left the mob unchallenged for nearly four hours and turned out in force only when the trouble was over and the looters had dispersed with stolen video tapes and stocks of drink. The investigating officer will report on why police failed to respond to 999 calls and requests for help from local shopkeepers whose goods were being stolen.

Peter Nobes, the chief constable, told the authority yesterday that several people had been arrested after the disturbance, which happened in the early hours on Monday. He said that a team of detectives had been formed to try to identify those who had carried out the looting.

According to authority members, Mr Nobes admitted that police had made mistakes. Neil Taggart, a Labour councillor in Chapeltown, said: "Local people are pleased that the police are aplogising, but now want an explanation."

Residents of Chapeltown, which has a reputation for trouble, were asking yesterday how the disturbance had come about and why the police had not challenged the looters. Andras Bocskei, steward at the Latvian social club, which was among the premises looted, asked: "Why? Why did the riot happen? I don't know."

The police failure to take prompt and effective action when the mob was damaging shops and the social club was particularly bewildering. Many fear that Chapeltown has become a no-go area for a police force fearful of provoking a full-scale riot. They are also worried that the increased tension in the area spells trouble for the carnival later this month, which last year saw three people shot in an apparent drug-gang dispute.

The disorder may not have compared in scale or intensity to the disturbances there in 1981 or 1987, but then the police were prepared to confront the looters.

"We are very disappointed with the police," one elderly white woman said. "They are treating the blacks with kid-gloves. If it had been any other group of people they would have been there and stopped it."

The police in Chapeltown are caught between a rock and a hard place. If they police in large numbers they are accused by local blacks, the second largest ethnic minority there after Asians, of swamping the area and provoking trouble. If they adopt a softly-softly approach, the are accused of giving in to the drug-dealers, the robbers and lawless youths.

Chief Superintendent Ray Evans, the sub-divisional commander, who broke off his holiday after the disturbance, emphasises that Chapeltown needs special policing. He points out, however, that the district's crime level is lower than some other areas of Leeds.

He maintains that Chapeltown's bad press is unfair, and says that the area is not as run down as trouble spots in other parts of the country, such as Moss Side in Manchester or Toxteth in Liverpool. "We have to be conscious of the complex racial and religious background of people in the area," Mr Evans said. "We have a tremendous ethnic mix, which can cause problems if not well-handled. We have to police by consent and we have to be selective about how we deal with the drugs problem in the area.

"You have to start from the base line that you won't eradicate all drugs — you'd like to, but this is the real world. What I will not have is wholesale selling on the streets. I don't want to wreck 20,000-odd lives in Chapeltown. A riot is no problem for me. We have the equipment, but would people want their houses and cars wrecked?"

The determination shown by Mr Evans to police his sub-division effectively and senstively seems to be shared by most of his officers. But in a tense area such as Chapeltown, perceptions are often more important than realities.

To most young blacks congregated outside the Hayfield public house the police can do no right. They say that they are picked on just because they are black. "They keep stopping me because they see me driving an H-registered car," one of them said. But when asked how he had paid for the car, the portable telephone that was sticking out of his trouser pocket, and his expensive clothes, he provided no explanation.

Equally, the view widely held by Asians and whites in Chapeltown that the disturbance shows that police have a no-go policy seems wide of the mark. According to police sources, the investigation that Mr Nobes launched yesterday is likely to show that the inspector on duty misjudged Monday's incident.

The sources say that the inspector failed to call senior officers for advice on how to handle the disturbance. Although he had only eight officers on duty, he could have telephoned for reinforcements, which were available.

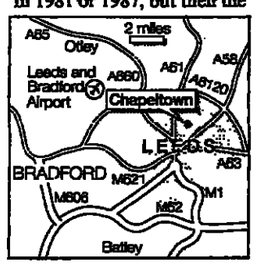
Earlier that night, on the other side of the city, more than 50 police officers had carried out a raid on an acid house party and could have been quickly dispatched to Chapeltown. There were clear signs in the previous two weeks, according to the sources, that tension was building up in Chapeltown. Several taxis had been attacked, leading to the cab companies boycotting the area at night. A drug raid on the Hayfield public house on Wednesday had led to six arrests.

The underlying hostility between some blacks and Asians had worsened after several robberies on Asian women and a fight in a Kashmiri restaurant. At the weekend, a local primary school had been attacked by arsonists.

The sources say that those signs should have been read and the police prepared for trouble.



Tension builder: police searching a black driver's car during unrest in the Chapeltown area of Leeds in 1981



Bookshop chiefs lock horns in prices dispute

By Simon Tait
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE heads of two leading bookshop chains, WH Smith and Pentos Books, are in opposing camps in an increasingly acrimonious dispute over the right to sell books at a discount.

The net book agreement (NBA) maintains the retail price on books by agreement with publishers. It was described, in a report published in June by the Institute of Economic Affairs, as a cartel dominated by "Hampstead socialists".

Terry Maher, chairman of Pentos, which owns Dillons and Hatchards, believes that the agreement keeps prices high, stunting growth in the book market, and that the trade no longer needs its protection. Now Sir Simon Hornby, chairman of WH Smith, has entered the dispute, defending the agreement and attacking its critics.

Sir Simon believes that the competitive discounting anticipated by opponents of the agreement could not be sustained, and that the profits of independent book retailers, as opposed to chains such as WH Smith and the Pentos shops, would be critically squeezed while discounts prevailed.

Writing in the latest edition of *Logos*, the book industry's newsletter, he says: "Maher stops short of arguing that general price-cutting will expand the book market. He relies on allegedly magnetic pulling-power which discounting a number of best-sellers would exercise over the general public. No serious observer of the book trade would accept such a one-dimensional view of customer behaviour."

Sir Simon, who is also chairman of the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts, says that comparison with overseas markets shows that retail price maintenance has not forced prices up in Britain.

He adds: "The NBA will survive because those who gain from it — the book-buying public, booksellers and publishers — heavily outnumber those who perceive themselves as losers or find their commercial ambitions frustrated."

Five jailed for fake dollars plot

Five men who plotted to flood the currency market with fake US dollars with a face value of £6 million were jailed yesterday for conspiring to counterfeit $100 notes. Plymouth crown court was told a buyer for the forgeries lived abroad.

Edward Gerty, from Plympton, Devon, and Clifford Batts and John Lawson, both of Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, were each jailed for seven years. Roy Wingrove, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, was jailed for four years and Brian Roche, also from Plympton, for two years.

Hinkley fire

Staff were evacuated from Hinkley Point nuclear power plant when fire broke out on the roof of a main turbine hall. The fire, caused by a roofer's overheated tar pot, caused no injuries or radioactivity risks.

Hard hat

Michael Smith of Ilkeston, Derbyshire, was awarded £70 compensation by magistrates after Russell Holmes ate his trilby hat in a pub. Holmes was fined £200 for causing criminal damage.

Majors fly out

John Major and his family flew in a military aircraft from RAF Alconbury, Cambridgeshire, to holiday in Spain.

Bond winner

The winner of the £250,000 National Savings Premium Bonds monthly draw is 21BS 493906. The winner lives in Hampshire, holding £5,026.

Clergy drawn to their wives 'by faith, not looks'

By Ruth Gledhill, Religious Affairs Correspondent

CLERGYMEN are attracted to their wives more for their religious faith than for their appearance, research shows. Some women married clergymen as a substitute for their own impossible dreams of priesthood.

Clergy marriages display striking differences from secular marriages and can require counselling if they are to flourish, according to the preliminary results of a church-sponsored survey to be published in the autumn. Although the break-up rate is low compared with the national average, clergy marriages survive at the cost of conflicts over holiness, self-esteem, religious values, sexual and gender issues and money.

The £20,000 research project, based at Sheffield City Polytechnic, has prompted the founding of the Clergy Marriage Consultation Service, a counselling body at the Westminster Pastoral Foundation in Kensington, west London.

The research is financed by groups including the Church of England's Southwark diocese, the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, Relate and John Paul Getty.

The Rev Tom Leary, a psychotherapist and a clergyman in the Southwark diocese, carried out more than 100 hours of interviews with 37 couples in two dioceses in the provinces of Canterbury and York.

He described a "piggyback phenomenon", where some men appeared to have been ordained on behalf of their wives. "It was the closest that the women could come to being ordained themselves," he said. "The gender issue was fundamental. Many people offer for ministry because they are unsure of their sexual identity. The church provides a secure environment in which to explore this."

Nearly a third of the couples interviewed had met in church, 16 per cent at college, 11 per cent on overseas missionary work and 5 per cent when they were Sunday school teachers. In most cases religious belief was more important in the initial attraction than physical appeal.

"Most of the clergy were attracted to their wives because of their faith," Mr Leary, vicar of St Barnabas's parish, Sutton, Surrey, said. The choice was based on "whether she would fulfil the role of a good clergy wife".

A third of the couples said that what they valued most about each other was mutual support and sharing. None of the wives and fewer than one in ten of the husbands valued the physical side of the marriage.

Mr Leary, who hopes to present his report to the House of Bishops, is calling for more skilled intervention to help marriages in trouble, for a common programme of pastoral advice across the dioceses and for an increase in stipends for clergy with children.

Women priests, page 8

HTV angered by approach to staff

By Andrew Lycett

THE independent company HTV has responded angrily to a request by the Merlin Television consortium — which is challenging HTV's bid in the new round of ITV franchises — to approach its staff.

HTV is one of the 16 franchise holders. The approach highlights the uncertain future faced by 14,339 full-time ITV employees during the five-month hiatus as the Independent Television Commission examines 40 applications to run the new Channel 3 network.

Bids for the new round of franchises had to be submitted by May and the commission will not announce the winners until October. It must accept the highest bid for each franchise but has first to ensure the applicants can provide and maintain a good enough service (or pass a "quality threshold").

One of the closest contests is in Wales and the west of England, where HTV, the incumbent, is fighting off a challenge from Merlin Television, a consortium linking Chrysalis, Associated Newspapers and Trilion.

Although insiders suggest that HTV has bid higher, Paul Ellis, Merlin's chief executive, remains confident of success. He has a problem, however: if he wins, he claims he will not have time to recruit staff before going on the air on January 1, 1993.

Last week, therefore, he wrote to Charles Romaine, HTV chief executive, asking him to be "kind enough to undertake publicly that any HTV staff who are approached by or talk to Merlin executives will not need to feel that their current jobs or future prospects are in any way in jeopardy". Mr Romaine said Mr Ellis's proposal was highly inappropriate. He said that although Mr Ellis's letter was marked "strictly private and confidential" he proposed circulating it to his staff, to whom he described it in a memo as "written to make mischief".

Mr Ellis denies any such intention. He says that because of the way the franchise round has been structured he will need to recruit 360 staff in eight months. That is significantly fewer than HTV's 700 employees because Merlin is one of a new breed of publisher-broadcasters that intends to rely on independent rather than in-house productions.

That creates further problems. At the last franchise round new companies simply took over the premises, facilities and staff of beaten incumbents, lock, stock and barrel. Now independent television is a different business and Mr Ellis says recruiting the 360 staff he wants would take two years.

He maintains that HTV staff have already approached him for jobs. "They face an uncertain future and I have thrown them a lifeline," he said. "The situation the ITC has created is quite appalling. If an incumbent fails to win, all its staff get thrown out on the street."

The commission denies any responsibility for job losses.

Bomb site nature haven is a winner

By Kerry Gill

HUNDREDS of pale blue damsel flies hovered above the pond George McNeill created, its still waters broken only by leaping rainbow trout. Rabbits scampered among the reeds, orchids and recently planted alder, aspen and willow trees.

The idyllic scene was a far cry from the night 50 years ago when three bombs crashed into the West Lothian field after being jettisoned by a Luftwaffe bomber returning home from a raid over Clydebank, 30 miles to the west. The bombs did no more harm than to turn poorly drained pasture into a permanent bog.

Yesterday Mr McNeill, a planner who lives on a smallholding at Hiltly farm, near Linlithgow, once the home of Scottish kings and birthplace of Mary, Queen of Scots, received an award for his creation from the national Pondwatch scheme organised by the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust. He bought the farm eight years ago and decided to turn the bog into a pond that would attract all kinds of wildlife, from coots, badgers and frogs to orchids and migrating mallard ducks. His work began at the end of 1988.

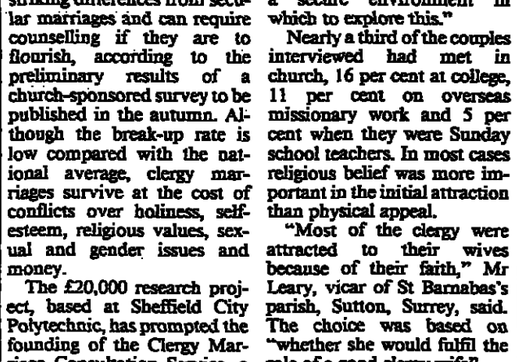
"I took advice on creating ponds for wildlife," Mr McNeill said. "It took a week of work with a mechanical digger, which almost disappeared sometimes, and then I managed to divert one of two natural springs to provide a permanent source of water continually flowing through the pond."

The pond, which was stocked with about 50 trout, is surrounded by reeds that germinated from seeds carried in by swans and ducks. A tiny island was made in the middle. Mr McNeill planted trees to create cover for animals, and wild orchids have appeared.

Mr McNeill's efforts yesterday won him first place in the farm category of the Pondwatch scheme, sponsored by the Shell Better Britain Campaign, which attracts entries from throughout the United Kingdom. The judges were attracted by the way in which he succeeded in balancing environmental ideals with the practical needs of the farm.

● The Scottish Fisheries Protection Agency yesterday published figures showing its success in combating salmon poaching in coastal and offshore waters. This year, up to the end of last month, 82 nets, measuring a total of 2.6 miles, were seized after operations by helicopter and a fishery protection launch.

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Nurturing nature: George McNeill in the award-winning pond he has created near Linlithgow



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PLO signals flexibility on American proposals

From PENNY GIBBINS IN TUNIS
AND RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

NEW signs emerged yesterday that the Palestine Liberation Organisation might be prepared to be flexible about the make-up of the Palestinian delegation to the peace conference planned for October.

Bassam Abu Sharif, an adviser to Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, said yesterday: "The birthplaces of the delegates are not important. The delegation will be in any case representing all Palestinians."

His comments represent a marked softening of the PLO's line that residents of east Jerusalem must be on the negotiating team. However, Wafa, the official PLO news agency, issued a hardline statement yesterday, laying out five conditions for the conference to be successful. The agency said that the conference:

- must be based on United Nations resolutions 242 and 338, which call for Israel to withdraw from the occupied territories, including Jerusalem;
- must recognise the political rights of Palestinians, especially their right to self-determination;
- must not pass over the issue of Jerusalem;
- the PLO alone must designate the Palestinian negotiating team, without outside interference; and
- Israel must halt settlements in the occupied territories, again including Jerusalem.

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Abu Sharif suggested that the PLO might give on some of these. "The birthplaces of the delegates are not important," he said. "The delegation will be in any case representing all Palestinians." This represents a marked



softening of the PLO's standard position that residents of East Jerusalem must be on the negotiating team.

Mr Abu Sharif emphasised yesterday that the Jerusalem issue was crucial. "The status of Jerusalem will be on the agenda for discussion as part of lands occupied in 1967," he said. "Since 1967, Jerusalem has expanded and has taken in 23 per cent of the land of the West Bank. Nor is the city itself a Jewish city, as the Israelis argue. It is a holy city to Muslims and Christians, too. I believe it should have a special status. The fact that the city is divided is consecrated by the Israelis themselves. For example, the curfew they applied to the West Bank also includes east Jerusalem but not west Jerusalem."

Although the PLO broadly welcomed the conference, Mr Abu Sharif admitted that some members resented the preconditions laid down by the American administration. These were limitations put up according to Israeli objections. However, he said: "We have been dealing with these limitations since before the Gulf war, and we know the Americans have been enthusiastic in trying to surmount each obstacle.

"We have already made many concessions. We accept that prominent PLO leaders will not be welcome at the conference and we have given positive support to the search for candidates generally acceptable to everyone. But there is a limit in asking the Palestinians to give concessions every time. Any further concessions would allow Shamir [Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister] to pick the Palestinian delegation, and would amount to a complete capitulation."

The PLO has been expecting Israel to turn down the proposals put forward by James Baker, the American Secretary of State, and another senior PLO official suggested that this could still happen. He said he hoped that Israel would not seek to sabotage the peace process, by placing too much emphasis on who spoke for the Palestinians.

The official, who would not be named, also said that he hoped that the United States would not spoil relations between the PLO and Jordan by putting too much pressure on King Husain. Earlier this week, the king criticised the leadership of the PLO.

His comments also reflected the group's fear that it might be abandoned at the negotiating table by the Arab states, because of its support for Iraq during the Gulf war. "We hope they will not skip over the Palestinian question by making separate peaces with Arab states only."

Today Mr Baker will begin his first tour of the North African state of Tunisia as part of the peace-seeking effort.

Although both the United States and the PLO say that Mr Baker will not meet PLO leaders during his tour of Tunisia, sources say that meetings could be held.

They point out that the dialogue between the PLO and America was only suspended last year, not cut, and indirect contact continued.

Pressure on Palestinians, page 1



Speaking out: members of right-wing Israeli groups demonstrating yesterday outside the office of Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, against the American proposals for a Middle East peace conference. Ariel Sharon, the Israeli housing minister, says Israel would be making a historic mistake by attending Middle East peace talks, and he might resign if it did. "It's a trap. The state of Israel is going through the most dangerous period of its existence," Mr Sharon told *Le Figaro*, the French newspaper, in an interview published yesterday. He spoke before Israel agreed on Thursday to take part in a peace conference in October on condition that the question of Palestinian representation was settled. The minister, who has continued building new Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in spite of American protests that they are a major obstacle to any peace agreement, is one of Israel's most vocal opponents of any form of negotiation with Palestinians. Asked if he was considering resigning, Mr Sharon said: "I would have no problem leaving the government."

Thirst for peace focuses on water

From ADAM KELLIHER IN AMMAN

EVEN the most ardent Jewish and Arab opponents get thirsty and need to wash, and their mutual need for adequate water supplies could become the catalyst for a Middle East peace settlement.

On the other hand, experts say that if new supplies are not found to overcome growing water shortages control of the diminishing supply could be enough to start another regional conflict. The issue is fraught with political, military, economic and social consequences, and can be solved effectively only by ending decades of enmity. In many ways, water is the poor man's oil, but while there are alternative energy resources, there is no substitute for water.

"Water is going to be the most important geopolitical liquid in the coming decades," said Ali Ghezawi, an economist who has recently completed a study of the issue. "If we don't have a peaceful settlement, people will have to fight for water because it will be a matter of survival."

King Husain once said that water would be the only justification for his nation going to war with Israel again. If a peace conference takes place, water rights will be at the top of the agenda in any bilateral talks between the Jewish state and its Arab adversaries.

Rivers such as the Euphrates, Tigris, Yarmouk and Jordan have sustained life in the sun-drenched region for thousands of years, but in the last quarter of the 20th century



Husain: sees water as only reason for conflict

those people who have been militarily weak and live downstream have been at the mercy of whichever nation controls the source or siphons off the water en route.

Such is the depleted state of the Jordan river before it reaches the Dead Sea that it should now be known as the Jordan creek. Jordanian experts claim that the average Israeli consumes about 300 litres of water a day, while Jordanians use only 80 litres.

This is largely because Israel's economy is more developed and tracts of desert have been transformed into fertile land. However, the diversion of vast amounts of non-renewable water to greater Israel from an artesian aquifier beneath the occupied West Bank makes Palestinians particularly bitter; they are rarely given permission to drill for water on their land, while many Jewish settlements have swimming pools.

Kuwaitis take to streets on anniversary of invasion

From REUTER IN KUWAIT CITY

KUWAITIS mourned their war dead yesterday, commemorating the first anniversary of the day President Saddam Hussein's tanks swept across the border. After dawn broke, men in white robes and black-clad women attended prayers for those killed during the Iraqi invasion and seven months of occupation.

Earlier, cries of "Allahu akbar" (God is great) echoed across Kuwait City's darkened streets and tracer bullets lit the sky. No official ceremonies or demonstrations were planned, but shops and government offices remained closed. Young Kuwaitis driving limousines and sports cars cruised around the city sounding their horns and singing patriotic songs. "We just want to forget what happened, that is why there are no marches or anything," one man said.

The city basked in sunshine, a reminder that one legacy of the invasion — the thick, black clouds of smoke from oil wells set ablaze by the Iraqis — is gradually being brought under control. Firefighters have so far capped more than 250 of the 600 wells.

An editorial in *Sawt al-Kuwait* said: "August 2 is the day of treachery and occupation and defeat . . . it is a day of treachery because our Arab history has not recorded in its pages before the slaughtering of a brother by stabbing him in the back and the rape of his country by forge." Kuwait Radio lamented the invasion by the "Despot of Baghdad" and urged Kuwaitis not to forget their martyrs.

Among those missing from the streets were members of Kuwait's tiny police force and the army, which failed to put up any resistance against the Iraqis. Kuwaiti residents awoke a year ago to see Iraqi tanks in control of the capital after Saddam's soldiers had seized the emirate overnight.

Kuwait City emerged from the invasion with mainly superficial damage and it is now returning to normal. Shopping centres are packed with customers after sunset, when temperatures become more bearable, and supermarkets are filled with all kinds of foreign products.

Kuwait is still a super-rich country and moving rapidly towards economic recovery. Last week the emirate exported its first cargo of crude oil since the invasion and it hopes to export 400,000 barrels a day by the end of the year. Before the invasion it produced two million barrels a day.

Lebanon alone in gaining from war

From ALI JABER IN BEIRUT

WITH the consolidation of peace and the army extending control over yet more of Lebanon, observers believe the country is emerging as the sole Arab nation to benefit from Iraq's annexation of Kuwait last year and the subsequent war in the Gulf.

Lebanon maintained a positive neutrality in the conflict by siding politically with Kuwait but refusing to send troops to fight alongside allied forces in Operation Desert Storm against Iraq. This stand earned appreciation from the West and the rich Gulf states as well as understanding on the home front: Lebanon, for the first time in 15 years, was spared the factional fighting usually provoked by similar inter-Arab conflicts.

Observers here agree that the rare Syrian-US alliance after the annexation of Kuwait also reflected positively on Lebanon, allowing Syria to move its army more freely here and to end the rebellion of General Michel Aoun who, for two years, blocked the implementation of a peace pact.

This boosted the government of President Hrawi, which hurriedly dissolved all illegal armies and militias and partly dismantled the components of the civil war.

The fix in which the Palestine Liberation Organisation placed itself by supporting Iraq also allowed Lebanon to finish off the PLO guerrillas in the south and defuse a main source of unrest.

UN will convene Cyprus talks

Washington — President Bush announced yesterday that Greece and Turkey had agreed to attend a peace conference in the United States aimed at ending the division of Cyprus.

Mr Bush said the conference was planned for September and would be convened and chaired by Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general. Mr Bush said Constantine Mitsotakis, the prime minister of Greece, and President Ozal of Turkey had told him of their willingness to attend a meeting concerning Cyprus.

"Greek and Turkish leaders will work in support of the secretary-general's efforts in advance of the meeting, planned for September in the United States, provided that adequate progress is made narrowing differences before then," Mr Bush said.

Before his visits to Greece and Turkey last month, Mr Bush had said he hoped to serve as a catalyst to end tensions between the two Nato allies over Cyprus. *(Reuter)*

Cholera alert

Mexico City — Guatemala has declared a state of alert on its border with Mexico after four people died and 60 became infected with cholera. The disease, which has claimed the lives of more than 2,000 people in Peru since February, has spread throughout southern Mexico, crossing the border into Guatemala.

Rwanda raid

Nairobi — More than 80 Rwandan troops were killed when Rwanda Patriotic Front rebels raided the town of Bisate, 15 miles from the Ugandan border, and blew up two government lorries, military sources said. Villagers fled south to the government garrison at Shingiro.

'Slavery' claim

Islamabad — Thousands of families in Pakistan are condemned to slavery by a system of bonded labour, a report by the human rights commission of Pakistan says. The report, which highlights the plight of children forced into labour, says government moves to fight the problem have been ineffective. *(Reuter)*

Grant scrapped

Delhi — The Indian government bowed to pressure from the opposition and ruling Congress (I) party and withdrew a grant for a foundation named after Rajiv Gandhi, the former prime minister. Manmohan Singh, the finance minister, said the £23 million was withdrawn at the request of the foundation. *(AFP)*

3D television

Tokyo — Two Japanese companies are developing a television that could bring characters into the home in three-dimensional colour. Researchers are working on a screen that creates the 3D effect through hundreds of tiny double-convex lenses built into the surface in vertical ridges. *(AP)*

Police let naked boy stay with Dahmer

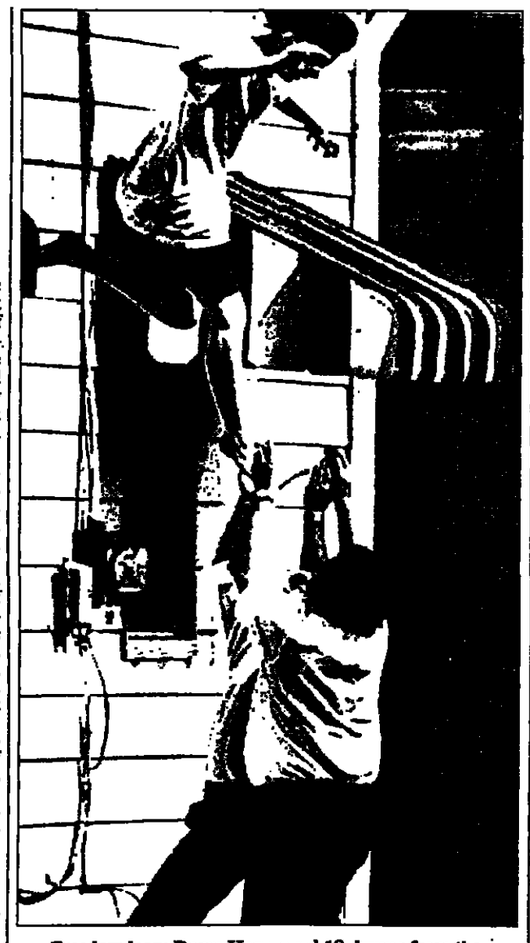
From ASSOCIATED PRESS
IN MILWAUKEE

THREE police officers were inside Jeffrey Dahmer's flat two months before parts of bodies were found there, officials said on Thursday. One officer said they let a naked boy stay there because they thought he was an adult and it was "a boyfriend-boyfriend thing".

The 14-year-old Laotian boy's remains were found among the 11 dismembered bodies in Mr Dahmer's flat on July 22. The three officers, who have not been named, have since been suspended. On Thursday, Police Chief Philip Arreola filed administrative charges against the officers, saying they had "failed to conduct a basic, proper investigation". He said criminal charges were not planned against the officers.

After investigating Mr Dahmer's flat on May 27, one of the officers joked about his partner having to be "deloused", according to a recording of the officers' conversations on police radio.

The *Milwaukee Journal*, quoting sources familiar with the police's internal investigation, said Mr Dahmer later told police he killed the boy, Konerak Sinthasomphone, as soon as the officers left the flat. Police would not comment on the report.



Freedom leap: Dawn Hess, aged 18, jumps from the upstairs room in Berwick, Pennsylvania, where her stepfather held her hostage while her mother, Paula Winn, picks up the family dog, thrown down earlier

Bush to call for prisoners' release

From CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

WASHINGTON is to put pressure on Peking to release five political prisoners, arrested after the pro-democracy demonstrations in 1989, who are kept in punishment cells because of their refusal to repent.

One of the five, Wang Juntao, an editor, who suffers from hepatitis B, is threatening to go on hunger strike unless his conditions are improved. Hou Xiaotian, Wang's wife, has written an open letter saying he is being kept in a "living hell" in solitary confinement in an insect-infested, foul-smelling cell just 11ft square in Peking's notorious No 2 prison. Asia Watch, the human rights organisation, has appealed on his behalf to President Bush, and American officials say that Washington will be renewing diplomatic pressure.

Earlier this week Ms Hou went to plead her husband's case at the Labour Reform Bureau, which is in charge of the prisons, and was told by a senior official that Wang, aged 33, would remain in a special punishment cell until his attitude improved, no matter what international pressure was applied. Later in the week, however, justice officials in another department told Wang's wife that an investigation had been ordered, and that his prison conditions might improve.

Three other dissidents are believed to be held in similar conditions because of their refusal to repent. They include Chen Ziming, an economist, sentenced to 13 years; Wang Dan, a student activist, sentenced to four years; and Ren Wanding, the veteran human rights campaigner, sentenced to seven years.

Bao Zunxin, a philosopher serving a five-year term, is believed to have been admitted to hospital for treatment of a heart condition. Reginald Bartholomew, the American under-secretary of state for arms control, yesterday ended a short visit to Peking during which he briefed Chinese officials on the Moscow summit. He did not, however, appear to have pressed the Chinese for any concessions on human rights.

● **Kolonia, Pohnpei:** The 15 members of the South Pacific Forum have rejected a plea from China not to open talks with Taiwan. "I'd ask the two countries to go under a coconut or a banana tree and talk to themselves. That is their problem, not ours," Henry Naisali, outgoing secretary-general of the forum, said.

Liu Huaqiu, the Chinese deputy foreign minister, warned the forum states on Thursday against initiating a separate dialogue with the nationalist government of Taiwan. Mr Liu said Beijing was "firmly opposed to any attempt, word or deed, aimed at creating two Chinas . . . or an independent Taiwan".



Hedy Lamarr: allegedly put items in handbag

Hollywood star is arrested

Casselberry, Florida — Police arrested Hedy Lamarr, the actress, aged 77, on Thursday for allegedly stealing $21.48 (£12.50) of toiletries from a chemist.

"She was found to have in her possession several concealed personal care items that she had not paid for," Patrick Simpson, a police spokesman said. "She did not have a receipt or proof of purchase of the items."

It was Miss Lamarr's second arrest for shoplifting. She was arrested in 1965 in Los Angeles but was cleared. Police said that a shop assistant saw Miss Lamarr stuffing the items into her handbag.

The case will be heard on August 20. If convicted, she faces a maximum penalty of six months in county jail and a $500 fine. *(Reuter)*

Defeat damages Tigers' image

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN COLOMBO

SRI Lanka's victory in the crucial battle for Elephant Pass will deal a serious blow to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. Government troops have been fighting the bloodiest battle of the eight-year civil war to regain the pass, which controls land access to the Jaffna peninsula, the rebels' northern stronghold.

At dawn yesterday thousands of troops were only 600 yards from the besieged army camp straddling the pass. Communications with the area are non-existent, but sources close to the army said the battle had in effect been won, although at a high price, with many soldiers killed. The 800 troops trapped in the Elephant Pass camp had managed to hold out despite not being resupplied for a long period, the sources added.

The relief of the camp will add to the popularity of President Premadasa, whose staying power in the face of economic hardship, civil war, an earlier battle against Sinhalese extremists, and accusations of human rights abuses has been remarkable. In May his United National party swept the board in local polls. The future of Sirima Bandaranaike, aged 75, the opposition leader, is now unclear.

The army's continued hold over Elephant Pass will hamper movements by the Tigers between Jaffna, which they control ruthlessly, and the east, where they also exercise considerable influence. In future they will have to move by sea, which is more risky.

These are difficult times for the Tigers, whose self-discipline and military expertise are legendary. Their image has suffered because of their dictatorial tactics in Jaffna, where dissent brings death, as well as from reports of atrocities against Sri Lankan Muslims.

Public opinion has started to turn against them even in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, where 50 million Tamils live. Tamil Nadu once supported the Tigers wholeheartedly, regardless of protests from Delhi, even allowing them to operate training camps on the mainland. But the assassination last May of Rajiv Gandhi, the former Indian prime minister, allegedly by the Tigers, changed that.

Since state elections in June, Tamil Nadu has been controlled by a regional party allied with the Congress (I) party, which Gandhi led. Jayalalitha, the chief minister, said immediately after taking office that the Tigers would be eliminated from the state.

● **Delhi:** One of two suspected Tamil militants, who swallowed cyanide last Friday to escape arrest, has died, the Press Trust of India said. The two were suspected of being involved in the assassination of Gandhi. The second man is in a critical state in hospital. *(AFP)*

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Marxist and bourgeois coexist in Budapest ghetto of wealth

On the fourth leg of his Danube odyssey, Roger Boyes reaches Buda and Pest, where the river divides rich winners from needy losers



Mrs Kadar: widow of the former communist leader

GREY-GREEN and swollen, the Danube splits the Hungarian capital into rich and poor, Buda and Pest, winners and losers in the market revolution.

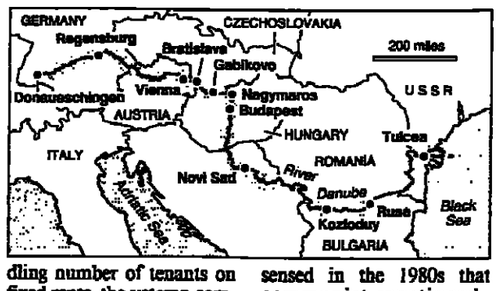
High on the Rozsadomb, the exclusive Rose Hill section of Buda, some of the best views of the Danube can be glimpsed through the double-glazed windows of the computer and cosmetics millionaires who live here. Jaguars, BMWs, Mercedes and Jeeps clutter the gravelled driveways but mainly the wealth is tucked away, as it was under communism.

New money concentrates in these streets — Kapy Street, Bimbo Street — rising with the contours of the hill. But among the Rose Hill residents there is some nervousness: the owners of the past, the original middle-class victims of communism, may ask the courts to return their property.

Until the end of the war Rose Hill was the home of Hungary's *grande bourgeoisie*. When the communists took over, only small villas stayed in private hands. Big houses became flats.

Typically, a house on Filler Street that used to belong to a Budapest chocolate baron was converted into living space for a dozen families. Slowly it dawned on the Budapest authorities that the houses were crumbling. The city could not afford to renew or even paint their facades. The only places in good repair were the villas that had been handed over to communist officials — or rather rented at a peppercorn rent, and then offered for sale at a low price.

Thus was the decision taken to sell some of the older houses at market value to the new rich — specifically, the new rich with connections in the housing department. Now these *nouveaux riches* have in turn been edged aside by a fresh wave of even wealthier families who have made money very quickly in the past two years. Up on Rose Hill they all rub shoulders: the dwindling number of tenants on fixed rents, the veteran communists — including Maria, the widow of Janos Kadar — the pre-1989 businessmen and the astronomically rich.



Above all, the Rozsadomb demonstrates how the ruling class adapted to changing times, just as mammoths became elephants. Dr Elmer Hankiss, a sociologist who is now head of Hungarian television, has made a study of oligarchic families who sensed in the 1980s that communist-sanctioned power meant little unless converted into wealth.

He says that, typically, "the father or grandfather was a high-level party or state official; his son manager of an Anglo-Hungarian joint venture; his son-in-law will own a boutique in Vaci Street; his nephew studies at Cambridge or Oxford".

Across the chain bridge, built so robustly by Adam Clark, the Scottish engineer, there is Pest, the old commercial part of the capital. On this side of the Danube there are pockets of wealth, but poverty too, as grim as anything in New York's Bowery. The homeless gather at the railway stations for the night.

The central statistical office says about a million Hungarians live below subsistence level. Another two million hover somewhere between subsistence and an officially defined "social minimum". That is, some three million people in a total population of 11 million have slipped through the social net.

Many come from the countryside to Budapest for work, find none and end up destitute. They beg on the fashionable streets, or slump on the paved Danube promenade until nightfall. Until last year Gyorgy was a worker at the steelworks on Csepel Island on the Danube. He made it easier for the management to hand out its redundancy notice by turning up drunk for work. Now he is drunk all the time and the staff at the shelter on Banya Street think twice about taking him in.

Zoltan Lokner, organising a task force for the homeless, is trying to keep pace with the speed of change. "The communists simply did not deal with the problems," he said. But it will take more than Clark's bridge to close the gap between the Hogarthian scenes in Pest's railway termini and the manicured lawns of fragrant Rose Hill.

Next stop: Kozloduy, Bulgaria

EC steps up calls for intervention as more Croats die

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

WITH fighting intensifying in Yugoslavia, European Community foreign ministers said yesterday that European military intervention and a peacekeeping force might be needed if current peace negotiations failed.

Hans van den Broek, the Dutch foreign minister who will lead this weekend's EC troika to Yugoslavia, said in Amsterdam that if fighting continued unabated there could be calls for the community to send in a peacekeeping force. This, he said, should be organised through the Western European Union, but all other alternatives should first be exhausted. Jacques Poos, the Luxembourg foreign minister and also a member of the troika, said a ceasefire would have to be negotiatied before any peacekeeping force could move in.

Germany, which has strongly supported the breakaway republics of Slovenia and Croatia, called instead for an international buffer force to be put in place. In a newspaper article, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the foreign minister, dismissed calls for an armed community force and was pessimistic about the EC's ability to avert civil war in Yugoslavia.

Heavy fighting continued in Yugoslavia yesterday. The *Borba* newspaper reported that most of the 40 Croatian police stationed in the vilage of Dalj, in Croatia's Slavonia region, were killed in clashes early in the morning. In Osijek, the main town near by, the mayor said about 50 people, including Croat civilians, police and national guards, had died in the village, and the Tanjug news agency said at least 80 people had died.

In Zagreb, Branimir Glavas, head of the national guard in Slavonia, asked about the death toll, said he thought about 20 guardsmen had been killed "and a great number of civilians".

In its report, Tanjug said the village had been sealed off and bodies were still lying uncollected. Some 300 Croat police and armed civilians were involved in clashes with Serbs, before the army was called in by the Serbs, it said.

Croatian police recaptured the Croatian town of Kostajnica, southeast of Zagreb, during Thursday night, a day after they lost control of it to Serbian autonomists, the agency added. On Wednesday night Zagreb radio announced that there had been heavy fighting around the town but it later became clear that it had simply been abandoned by the Croats without a shot being fired.

In Brussels yesterday anonymous callers claiming to be Croats threatened Mr Poos hours before he was to fly to Zagreb. They accused the EC of favouring the Serbs and of trying to wreck Croatia's attempt to win independence from Yugoslavia. The call has heightened concern in Brussels that the EC monitors may themselves become targets. The troika is to have talks in Zagreb with Dr Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian president, then go to Belgrade to meet Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader.

Ante Markovic, the prime minister of what is still Yugoslavia, has spent the past two days in Moscow trying to revive urgent deliveries of raw materials and collect a $600,000 (£360,000) Soviet debt. At a joint press conference yesterday with the Yugoslavian prime minister, Valentin Pavlov, his Soviet counterpart, referred to him as "my friend, colleague and comrade in arms" and said that it was essential for Yugoslavia to "resolve its internal problems without any change in its external or internal borders". The Soviet Union, he said, had a special interest in the outcome of Yugoslavia's current difficulties and the preservation of "Yugoslavia's unity and territorial intergrity".

Asked if Moscow would join the embargo on arms sales to Yugoslavia, he said: "On no account will we interfere in the internal affairs of Yugoslavia ... Throwing weapons at any side in the conflict would be interference."



Frontline village waits for battle

From TIM JUDAH IN KOMAREVO, CROATIA

THE late news announced that Komarevo, 40 miles southeast of Zagreb, was under attack. It came as a surprise to the volunteers and national guardsmen on duty at the village fire station. "It's the same all over Yugoslavia," said Stevo, aged 40. "You can't believe anything you hear." The attack began an hour later.

Mortars could be heard landing on a hill near the local guard headquarters. Machine-gun fire crackled. Half an hour later it subsided. No damage was done, there were no casualties and the enemy had not actually been seen. "They were just saying goodnight," laughed Stevo. The volunteers relaxed again.

Komarevo is on the front-line. Surrounded by hostile Serbian territory, this Croatian village holds a strategically vital road overlooking Sisak. Women and children have left and only some of the old and able-bodied men remain. Up on the hill the national guard, Croatia's army in the making, oversees the defence of the village.

A lorry marked "mines" cuts the road across the entrance to the village. "We found it and pushed it here," said one man. "It doesn't work and it isn't mined, but who would know for sure?"

Earlier in the day an airforce jet swooped low over Komarevo, sparking fears that a full-scale attack was imminent. The men of Komarevo say they are prepared but they are not happy. There is a machinegun or mortar attack on the village almost every night now. "Tudjman does not give out guns," they said, referring to the Croatian president. One man showed off a home-made shotgun.

The men complained that the price of guns on the black market has been soaring. One, nicknamed Mr Sniper, had an American riot police gun which he had bought for 1,800 marks (£612). "I could have bought three Kalashnikovs with the money, but I could not get one," he said. That was two months ago. Today the price of black market Kalashnikovs has risen from 700 marks to 2,400 marks.

One man sported a Brazilian pistol and Stevo had an old Belgian gun his father had taken from a dead German officer during the second world war. Ilija, aged 24, a locksmith who has been mobilised in the national guard, wore a secondhand Nato uniform that he had bought in Germany. Ante, aged 56, was on telephone duty. "The old folks ring in to tell us if they see anything suspicious." Ante is one-armed and blind in one eye. "I can't carry a gun but I can carry a bomb," he said.

Later that night the television showed film of damaged houses and pools of blood. According to Croatian television reports these were Croatian houses. According to Belgrade television they belong to Serbs.

The truth matters less than what people believe. Zdravko, aged 35, said that he had heard that Serb militia men had cut the throat of a small baby, drunk its blood, cut out its heart and roasted it. "People in the guard told me they saw it." Ante, who is married to a Serb, said that he was not scared of being shot but he did fear being mutiliated alive.

In the village hall, straw was laid out for the guards to go to sleep. The only sound was that of the frogs. Then the storm began; there would be no more shooting that night. "Nobody likes to hold a gun when there is lightning," said Stevo.



Old-world diplomacy: Jan Langos, the Czechoslovak interior minister, kissing the hand of Shirley Temple Black, the American ambassador to Czechoslovakia, after signing a joint statement in Prague yesterday on the two countries' continuing co-operation in the fight to prevent the illegal production and sale of drugs

Shark fever grips Italian beaches

From PAUL BOMPARD IN PORTOFINO

SHARK fever has taken hold of the beaches of southern Liguria and northern Tuscany after a woman was attacked on Tuesday as she paddled her canoe off Portofino.

Ivana Iacaccia, aged 40, was left frightened but unhurt, after she managed to swim ashore while the shark savaged her canoe. Subsequent sightings of sharks by the coastguard and tourists in small boats have, however, kept shark fever at a high pitch.

A shark hunt, led by Antonio Alati, a rear admiral in the coastguard, is now under way. "We will try to kill the shark with the weapons that equip our control boats," he announced on Thursday.

While coastguard launches and light aircraft patrol the waters south of Genoa, dozens of would-be shark hunters are taking to the sea, armed with everything from makeshift harpoons to sophisticated fishing tackle. Those intercepted by the coastguard or the police are being advised to keep out of the way. The sightings, three on Tuesday, and one on Thursday, report a shark between 12ft and 16ft long, large by Mediterranean standards. Most beaches have put up red flags to warn swimmers, mothers are keeping an eye on their children and bathers are scarce.

The national press has given ample space to the attack and hunt. The serious *La Stampa* newspaper of Turin even carried the report on its front page. This may, of course, be a reflection on the lack of substance in the recent, supposedly important rumblings in Italian politics.

Shark attacks in the Mediterranean are rare. About 20 have been recorded this century, 13 fatal. Seven of these took place in Italy, and the most recent was in 1989 in the gulf of Baratti, when a scuba diver was attacked. Marine biologists from Genoa university are examining the mauled remains of the canoe. Some believe that the shark was a *smeriglio*, a native of the Mediterranean that rarely becomes aggressive.

New rifts open in Communist ranks

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

THE Communist Party of the Soviet Union moved closer to an outright split yesterday as its most respected liberal, Aleksandr Yakovlev, virtually denounced Karl Marx and suggested that it was too late to reform the movement.

He told Tass that Marx had a "derisive attitude towards peasants". He added: "I am increasingly convinced that our tragedy results from marxist dogmas."

As Mr Yakovlev, who resigned last weekend as a top presidential adviser, publicly foreswore his faith, two of the best-known army officers in the party engaged in political battle.

Colonel Aleksandr Rutskoy, the Afghan war hero and deputy head of Boris Yeltsin's Russian administration, launched a reformist movement in the republic while the leader of the Communist movement in the armed forces pledged to resist Mr Yeltsin's efforts to depoliticise Russian workplaces. General Mikhail Surkov also said that the liberal party programme proposed by President Gorbachev needed extensive rewriting.

Colonel Rutskoy's group will try to wrest control of the Communist movement in Russia — which accounts for about 60 per cent of party membership — from the hardline clique led by Ivan Polozkov. The foundation of the Democratic Party of Russian Communists portends a fierce struggle within the Communist party as delegates are elected to its congress towards the end of the year.

Colonel Rutskoy told 800 cheering delegates at a conference of party separatists that the Communist party must bear responsibility for the mendacity and violence that had nearly exterminated the Russian nation. He defended Mr Yeltsin's decree ordering the removal of Communist party offices from workplaces. General Surkov said the army would ignore the decree and he rejected suggestions that the army was preparing to seize power.

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Son sues for lost honour of Heinrich Böll

From ANNE MCELVOY IN BERLIN

THE threatened honour of Heinrich Böll, Germany's best-known postwar author and Nobel prize winner, is set to become a matter for the courts. A bitter literary dispute has challenged the consensus that the scourge of prosperous Germany belongs among the great and good of German literature.

Eckhard Henscheid, a Frankfurt satirist, has published an excoriating re-assessment of the author's works and concludes that he is mystified "how such a dim, ill-informed and talent-free author ... a pathological, harmless nutcase could be deemed worthy of the Nobel prize".

This is strong stuff, especially in a society which, finding itself short of moral figures to emulate in the early postwar years, devoted an inordinate amount of adoration to both the person and the works of Böll. His status as defender of the values of simplicity, religion and sentimentality grew with his novels about the effects of the economic miracle, *Group Portrait with Lady*, and his bestselling attack on the establishment's hysterical response to radical terrorism in the 1970s, *The Lost Honour of Katharina Blum*.

Böll died in 1985, but René, his artist son, is to sue the satirist for defamation and demand that the article be withdrawn. He is outraged that Herr Henscheid has used the words "corrupt and mendacious". While the family sees this as a slur on Böll's personality, the satirist has defended it as a justified comment. "We have reached the limit of our tolerance," René Böll said yesterday. "It seems that Germany has a pathological desire to besmirch the reputation of its great artists."

Herr Henscheid believes that Germany is too willing to grant star status to unremarkable writers. "Böll has an almost legendary status as the Good German Person, the result of an accumulation of mythology, public relations and critical laziness. It is treated as a moral affront to say that some of Böll's work was rubbish," he said.

Before his death, Böll pursued and won a seven-year court case against a commentator who claimed that his attacks on the police and the legal system served as incitements to terrorism.

The present argument is a mirror image of another debate about the standing of Christa Wolf, East Germany's best-known writer. While Böll was renowned for his attacks on the right-wing Springer press and the dehumanising effects of economic prosperity, Frau Wolf wrote about the failure of Eastern bloc socialism to cater for spiritual needs and the plight of the individual in a collectivist society. As long as Germany was divided, their positions at the head of their respective literary establishments went unchallenged. The demise of both East Germany and the old-style federal republic has unleashed a sudden questioning of the merits of both authors.



Christa Wolf: her literary merits under question

"The intellectual goal posts have shifted now," Herr Henscheid said. "The old certainties of right against left have gone." He is preparing to defend his views in what is likely to be a hearing rich in linguistic complexity, with both sides seeking to establish the precise moment at which critical literary comment strays into personal slander.

"Just imagine, a German court dealing with linguistics, logistics and satire," Herr Henscheid said. "It will be one of the funniest cases for years." Böll, whose sense of humour was never in doubt, would have appreciated that, at least.

Moscow orders shooting enquiry

Moscow — Boris Pugo, the Soviet interior minister, yesterday opened an official investigation into the shooting of eight Lithuanian customs officials on Wednesday (Our Foreign Staff writes). Six of the victims were found dead and a seventh died yesterday in hospital.

The eighth is in a critical condition and being guarded by armed police. Meanwhile, General Marijonas Misiukonis, Lithuania's interior minister, has resigned.

The official investigation brings together officers from the central and the Lithuanian interior ministries, who were said by Mr Pugo to be "maintaining businesslike relations" and "operating in complete mutual understanding". Until now the independent Lithuanian interior ministry has been regarded by the central authorities as unconstitutional and illegal.

Anthrax scare

Vancouver — An outbreak of anthrax among the world's largest herd of free-roaming buffalo has forced the Canadian government to close 100 square miles of Wood Buffalo National Park to public travel. A spokesman said a dozen bison had died from the disease. *(Reuter)*

Peru toll rises

Lima — More than 3,000 people died in political violence in President Fujimori's first year in power, compared with 1,268 in the first year of the previous president's administration. Enrique Bernales, the head of a senate panel, said the country could face civil war if the trend continued. *(Reuter)*

Mafia stalemate

Rome — Domenico Sica, aged 60, has been removed from his post as high commissioner against the Mafia and made civil governor of Bologna. In three years as Italy's top anti-Mafia official he failed to reduce gang violence. Italian leaders now admit the state has lost control over large areas. *(Reuter)*

Police sacked

Berlin — About 1,100 policemen will be sacked by the end of the month for having worked as state security agents under the old East German communist regime, a police spokesman said. They were among 9,800 East Berlin police officers who were retained after German unification last October. *(Reuter)*

Forest fire

London — At least 600 villagers are being evacuated in the province of Valencia, eastern Spain, as the worst forest fire for 30 years raged near their homes, Spanish national radio said. The radio said that the fire was started by lightning and was a long way from being put out. *(Reuter)*

Part-time job

Tours — A senior fireman in charge of 3,000 men has been accused of turning to armed bank robbery during his spare time. Hervé Pastre, a colonel in France's military fire service, is under arrest and expected to be charged with more than 30 bank robberies over the past year, police said. *(AFP)*

Plea by Mehta

Jerusalem — Zubin Mehta, the Indian-born conductor, is seeking access to a son, aged two, he had by a violinist in the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, the *Maariv* newspaper reported. Mehta, aged 55, who leads the orchestra, has asked a court in Haifa to recognise him as the father of the boy, his lawyer confirmed. *(Reuter)*

Clifford Longley

The laity will decide whether the church can ordain women

Periodically the Church of England asks itself a question. The process of answering it can take months or years. If conducted with integrity, such an enquiry into the mind of the church is also, according to Christian doctrine, a route to the mind of God.

The latest question to be the subject of this supernatural search is whether women should be ordained to the priesthood. The rules of the search are mundane, and involve the holding of debates followed by votes, in parochial church councils, deanery synods, diocesan synods and eventually in the General Synod.

The indications so far are that three-quarters of the 43 diocesan synods have given their consent to the ordination of women, but a rather different pattern, much more negative, is beginning to emerge in the more numerous deanery synods, the membership of which is closer to the church's parish roots. It is the deanery synod membership, not that at diocesan level, which elects the General Synod's house of laity. So how the deanery synods vote is a more accurate guide to how the General Synod's own debate may go next year. And it would not be reckless, even now, to wager a modest sum that the ordination of women will not win the two-thirds majority in the General Synod's house of laity which it needs to be finally approved.

High Anglicans, Roman Catholics and the Orthodox believe that Tradition constitutes the influence of the Holy Spirit in past ages, and hence is normative for the present. Many of them would go on to say that the question of female ordination has already been answered. But Anglicanism shares with Catholicism a theory of development, which says that the tradition is dynamic rather than static and the Holy Spirit is continually shaping it. Anglicanism, of all the branches of Christianity, places greatest stress on what contemporary human wisdom can contribute.

Anglicans, however, would not say that they are changing or reinventing the faith of the church. They say they are discovering it, which is different altogether. It is an inwards search, requiring of those who take part in it a scrupulous sifting through of thoughts and opinions to see which are faithful, which are spurious. And the theory is that every Christian may, in the course of such prayerful self-examination, rely on God to lead the way.

This is why, even in Catholicism with its infallible papacy, in Orthodoxy with its infallible Tradition, in Protestantism with its infallible Scripture, and in Anglicanism with its combination of these, primacy above them all is still given to the *sensum fidelium*, the belief of the people. But only Anglicanism, with its complex synodical structures, claims to have found a way of measuring it directly.

Christian history is full of instances of a church leadership trying to take the ordinary faithful in directions which offend their basic faith instincts. Always it is the leadership that eventually gives way. If this basic instinct insists on the ordination of women, then ultimately nothing on earth – no General Synod, no parliament, no pope – will stop it. But if the instinct says ordination of women is wrong, that view will finally prevail. Righting a wrong decision in the development of Christian doctrine, however, has always proved vastly expensive in lost time, lost energy and hence lost souls. Sometimes for a section of the church (and the Church of England never claims to be more than that), it has even been fatal.

English Heritage is buried in paperwork. Can the new chairman cut his way through, asks Marcus Binney

Permission to plan

Jocelyn Stevens, the new chairman of English Heritage, may be just the man to take a dispassionate look at the organisation's shape and purpose and give it the new direction, energy and enthusiasm it desperately needs. A former newspaper executive, he carried out a radical shake-up at the Royal College of Art and takes over with the reputation of a hatchet man (his nickname is "Piranha"). But while there is dead wood waiting to be axed, he will also be judged by whether he can stem the loss of talented people.

Mr Stevens's most immediate task is to decide whether to scrap the ill-conceived plan to banish the whole organisation to Nottingham. The cost of relocation, at civil service rates, is huge and with office rents plummeting in London it might well be financially advantageous to stay there.

Bolder and better still would be to regionalise the whole operation, keeping a small headquarters and a London division in the capital while distributing the rest of the staff around the country so they are closer to the buildings they are responsible for. Virtually every monument service in Europe and North America operates in this way.

After that, the new chairman must tackle the growth of bureaucracy, which has multiplied since EH was hived off from the Department of the Environment. An axe needs to be taken to its byzantine committee structure. Far too much time is spent generating paperwork for overlapping committees.

Forms for grant applications have become ever more complicated, often requiring expensive input from professional accountants. Confusion abounds. "Official A tells you you can't have a grant unless you replace a missing chimney. Official B says you won't get one if you do," complains Sir John Smith, founder of the Landmark Trust.

There is also a dangerous tendency to regard owners of listed buildings as ramblers sometimes regard landowners: as the enemy. The emphasis should be on providing a service which every owner of a listed building wants to take advantage of.

This means EH must shed its image of always trying to say no. Circulars which say listed barns should not be converted into houses simply mean the barns will fall down. The need is to publish examples of good practice and encourage people to follow them. EH has launched a commendable initiative aimed at halting an epidemic of DIY alterations in conservation areas. But again the need is not just to wave the stick but to open people's eyes to the value of original features and fittings in their homes. Why isn't there an EH-inspired architectural roadshow visiting a different town each week?



Reputation as a hatchet man: new chairman Jocelyn Stevens

A new look at the criteria for distributing scarce resources is required. Historic buildings grants to the private sector fell from £3.1 million in 1988-89 to £1.8 million in 1990-91. Such a squeeze must eventually prompt some owners to give up the struggle and sell, at which point the nation has to intervene at far greater cost to save the buildings. EH's response is that scarce funds should be concentrated on buildings at risk, but the great need with many endangered buildings is to sort out the problems of ownership, surrounding land and planning permission.

English Heritage needs a dynamic buildings-at-risk unit; not just producing computer lists of decaying buildings, but working with architects, engineers and surveyors to produce practical schemes of reuse.

Mr Stevens should mount an attack on public bodies, notably the health service and the Ministry of Defence, which are leaving large numbers of fine listed building to rot. EH must shake government departments into realising there are sympathetic ways of finding commercially viable new uses, if only they will hurry up and sell the property on sensible terms.

Under its outgoing chairman, Lord Montagu, EH has vastly improved the presentation of its castles and abbeys. What counts ultimately is not the number of visitors but the quality of the visit. When properly motivated, EH's archaeologists and historians can bring medieval buildings alive for people, just as the National Trust has fascinated visitors by opening the proverbial green baize door.

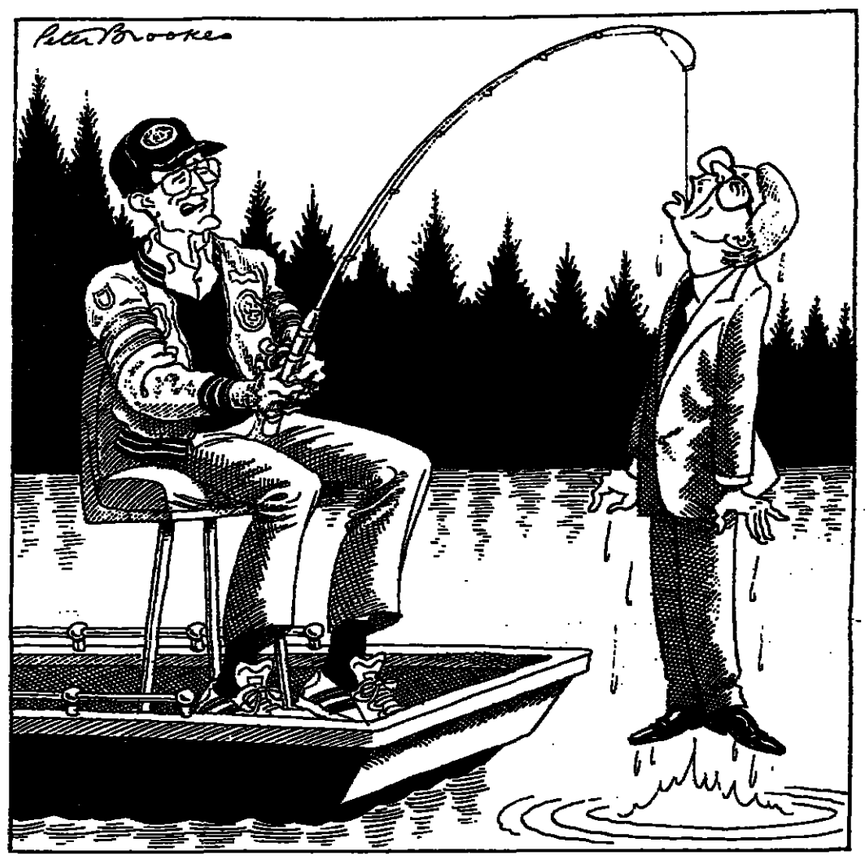
People have never been more interested in the character and history of the places in which they live and work. Yet environment ministers and civil servants remain equivocal or half-hearted in their attitude to conservation. Britain has a powerful battery of laws to protect historic buildings, but too often there is not the will to use them.

What EH needs is not only a new chairman who can radically streamline the organisation, but one who can be an effective, formidable and public champion for the millions of people concerned about the continuing erosion and decay of our heritage.

The ultimate test of Mr Stevens's reign will be the quality and morale of the staff he leaves behind. There has never been more talent, expertise and enthusiasm available. To its credit, EH is already recruiting it. The Piranha needs a discriminating appetite.

Bonding: Bush's secret agent

Mr Major should relax in Spain before a strenuous three-day holiday with the US president, warns Martin Fletcher



Memo to John Major's private office. Subject: the visit of the prime minister and his family to the holiday home of the President of the United States in Kennebunkport, Maine, August 28 to 30.

1) The prime minister should get all the rest and relaxation he can in Spain next week, for he will get little of either in Kennebunkport. Indeed, the visit could be quite an ordeal.

Despite his heart palpitations, Mr Bush remains a man in perpetual motion, "an American whirling Dervish" as one columnist dubbed him during his recent trip to Turkey. His idea of relaxation is a charge round the local golfcourse scattering all before him, a blast up the coast in his speedboat Fidelity, a jog along the shore, a tennis match, some fishing, a swim and a game of horseshoes – preferably all on the same day. Though the prime minister likes spectator sports, he wrecked his knee in a 1967 car crash and can barely walk a mile.

Mr Bush also has an abhorrence of solitude, preferring the company even of the White House press corps to none at all. The Majors should expect to find themselves sharing the president's rambling Walker's Point home with his 89-year-old mother Dorothy, most of his five children, four daughters-in-law and 12 grandchildren, and the First Dog, Millie. Assorted friends and associates will arrive daily from Kennebunkport, Boston or even Washington. There may be 20 or more for dinner.

2) The prime minister should remember that Mr Bush believes international affairs are dictated largely by personal chemistry. His aim is to "bond" with Mr Major, and the president should be humoured.

Mr Bush built his career on thank-you notes, pioneered telephone diplomacy, and spent eight tedious years as Ronald Reagan's deputy, courting prime ministers, presidents and potentates of every stripe, mostly at state funerals. On his election, he breached protocol by calling foreign leaders before they rang him. He credits these personal ties for his success in orchestrating the global response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. Conversely, aides attribute the present parlous state of US-Israeli relations to his deep dislike of Yitzhak Shamir.

Mr Bush increasingly dislikes the pomp and bureaucracy of summits, preferring one-to-one chats in informal settings. He has taken President Mubarak of Egypt to a Baltimore Orioles baseball game, President Roh Tae Woo of South Korea onto the White House tennis court, and other foreign leaders to Camp David, including Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, who positively demanded an invitation. However "boys' weekends" in his beloved Kennebunkport remain the president's favourite means of bonding.

Mr Bush tried to lure Mr Gorbachev there last summer, but his failure did not surprise his officials. The Soviet leader would have been "appalled at the notion of going out on Bush's boat", said one. "Does he look like a guy who would wear a sweatshirt and sneakers and have his hair blowing at 50mph as they pounded across the waves?" Mr Gorbachev, the former Soviet ambassador Yuri Dubinin once said, "has only one hobby: perestroika".

The president and Mr Major have got off to a good start, despite their utterly different backgrounds. Before Christmas they spent a jolly evening at Camp David with the military, singing carols; Mr Major gave unstinting support during the Gulf war, and his hosting of the London economic summit impressed Mr Bush, who told an aide that "he runs a good meeting" (President Mitterrand, by contrast, was all disdain, reportedly spending one session writing postcards). Failure to bond is a serious offence. When the president and King Hussein of Jordan failed to achieve a meeting of the minds over Iraq last August, Mr Bush refused even to escort the monarch to his aircraft.

3) The prime minister should avoid the mistakes of previous visitors.

In 1989, President Mitterrand demanded a king-size bed, which Barbara Bush had to rent for the occasion. He spurned Mr Bush's speedboat, agreeing only to one short walk. His wife Danielle so laboured one pet political cause that Mrs Bush was driven to remark that American First Ladies (or at least this one) did not make policy. Mr Bush may have bonded, but Mrs Bush emphatically did not.

Though guests are encouraged not to stand on ceremony, Toshiki Kaifu, the Japanese prime minister, erred in the other direction last month when he began calling the president "Georgie". Last summer Brian Mulroney, the Canadian prime minister, appeared so deferential that when Mr Bush threw a frisbee for Millie, members of the Canadian press suggested Mr Mulroney would retrieve it first.

A studied informality is the keynote. Mrs Bush is quite likely to greet the Majors in a tracksuit. On past evidence, the lawn of the 11-acre compound will be littered with tricycles and childrens' playthings. The domestic staff is minimal. "Cook-outs" – swordfish, hot dogs, corn – are the preferred form of eating. Mrs Bush has posted notices around the house which she admits are largely ignored. "Picnics should be planned early for the beach," says one. Another reads: "Please pick up wet towels and use them twice." A third warns: "Please be down for breakfast between seven and nine or no breakfast."

4) The prime minister should come briefed.

Mr Major's visit has political advantages for the president also. It enables him to pass off a long holiday as a working vacation. It is not inconceivable that he might take time off to discuss the Soviet Union, Iraq, future security arrangements, Gatt and other pressing affairs of state.

5) With an election looming, the prime minister should exploit this visit for every last scrap of political mileage.

Walker's Point, built by Mr Bush's grandfather in 1902, is Mr Bush's heaven, his equivalent of the Kennedys' Hyannis Port, and the place to which he has returned every summer of his life save 1944 for spiritual and physical regeneration. Can anyone imagine Neil Kinnock being invited to share a holiday in the American president's private sanctum?

The prime minister should pitch horseshoes, attempt to fish, endure boat rides in choppy seas, in short do anything with Mr Bush that offers photo-opportunities and coverage on the evening news back home.

Aides might also discreetly point out that Mrs Thatcher was only ever invited to Camp David. The standard explanation for that omission was conflicting schedules, but officials in Washington suggest privately that Mr Bush had more sense. "She'd have been so intimidating," said one; "all that lecturing and haranguing, and she'd never have got out of her Jaeger suit."

...and moreover

Matthew Parris

Any hod-carrier could interview a Chancellor of the Exchequer, but no Chancellor, and only the most expert broadcasters, could interview a hod-carrier. Yet career structure and salary scales in broadcasting reflect the opposite: the difficult interviews with tongue-tied housewives and labourers are given to novice reporters on £9,000 a year; while the easy banter with fluent celebrities goes to the big-name interviewers on £90,000.

Here, for all you hod-carriers, is a crash course in interviewing the Chancellor. Put it to him that the economy is ruined and his chancellorship in disarray. He will deny this. Ask him how he really expects struggling businessmen to believe that. He will avoid the question. Quote a recent CBI report (your researchers provide these) doubting the imminence of economic recovery. He will counter this with figures or forecasts of his own. Ask him if he is saying the CBI don't know their jobs. He will splutter.

It's a doddle, and you've got as long as it takes.

Now, Chancellor, imagine interviewing the hod-carrier. He may well have something interesting to say, probably more interesting than you do. But "carried any interesting hods lately?" is unlikely to extract it. You have four minutes and no idea where to begin. The poor fellow is speechless and panic-stricken, for he has never been interviewed before. As he is unheard of, his banalities are not engaging.

All over Britain, on local radio at any time of the day or night, trainee broadcasters are locked in hopeless interviews with workmen who were claiming to have witnessed a gas explosion – until the microphone was thrust into their faces and their minds went blank – and women whose cats have been accused of sheep-worrying and were jolly amusing about it – before the tape-recorder was switched on. Ordeals like this are the daily lot of thrusting young roving reporters. The big-name interviewers are spared.

Except for a few, of whom Brian Hayes is king. I realise that he has made a speciality of on-air discussion with the general public: but my clock radio woke me earlier this week to hear even Mr Hayes challenged to the limit.

Does somebody in the BBC hate Brian Hayes? Standing in for Derek Jameson, who is on holiday, he had been bowled a googly by his researchers. He was obliged to conduct an interview, over a bad telephone line, with a man whose hobby was carving wooden decoy ducks. The man's name (honestly) was Barry Woodcraft. I have no shorthand, but this was the gist of it.

"Good morning, Barry," said Hayes. "It's a funny old thing to have a passion for, isn't it?"

There was a wounded pause.

"It gets addictive."

Hayes persisted: "But what do you do it *for*?"

"I enter them in the shows."

Hayes decided to try a different tack.

"How did you know you were good at it?"

"I didn't, at first. I started 10 years ago."

No joy there, either. Very well . . .

"Are there classes for carving decoy ducks?"

"I took weekend tuition. After that I was self-taught."

"Do you know when you are getting better?"

"Yes."

By now Mr Hayes's voice betrayed a hint of desperation.

"When does it start to look like a duck?"

I was laughing too much to hear the answer . . .

". . . every bird I carve is better than the last," – Barry was loosening up now – "but there comes a point when you reach absolute perfection. I call it "bird-perfect". Of course none of my decoys is actually used as a decoy, for shooting I mean. That's a practice I abhor. But I show a lot. Hopefully I'll see more and more of my birds on show."

"And what do the judges look for?"

I had stopped giggling just in time to hear Mr Hayes saying: "All power to your elbow, goodbye."

It left him in a bleak mood, as the sports commentator who came next found out. He had tripped in, bubbling over with news about transfers of footballers for astronomical fees.

Listeners could almost feel his interrogator's cold stare. "Yes. It's the silly season I suppose. Still, it gives us something to talk about and keeps you going, doesn't it?"

Well, come on: *does* it?

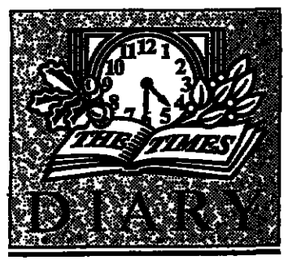
Sprouting elsewhere

Brussels is about to be upstaged as capital of Europe by an obscure Flemish village. When the Berlaymont is dynamited in the spring, high-ranking Eurocrats, including Jacques Delors, are being moved out of the city centre into offices in Auderghem, south of the city on the way to Luxembourg.

With city centre office space at a premium, the European Commission could only find suitable space for lower-ranking *fonctionnaires* in the heart of Brussels. It had to search further afield for better premises for the top brass. The result is the reverse of what Antonio Cardoso E. Cunha, the energy commissioner, charged with the responsibility of rehousing the Eurocrats, was trying to achieve. "We have got our very own version of Brazil: the cultural capital is Rio de Janeiro, but the administrative capital is Brazilia," says one bureaucrat. "We have got a EuroBrazilia."

The Commission will pay more than £6 million a year in rent for its eight-storey Auderghem building. It has an ideal office for Jacques Delors, overlooking a lake and landscaped gardens. Indeed with its full-length atrium, it will make the commissioners wonder why they ever stayed in the Sixties monolith – and indeed why they should ever return once its 20-storey replacement is built. Even the name is better: *Beau Lieu*.

Lord Clinton-Davis, a former EC commissioner, and one of the few fans of the Berlaymont, spent 45 minutes in a taxi from Brussels city centre reaching the new building, which already houses the transport directorate. "In terms of access to the other EC buildings it's awful. It will be extremely awkward travelling between the new commission and the city."



● *Jeremy Corbyn, the left-wing Labour MP, is offering a reward of tea and cakes on the Commons terrace for the return of his car which was stolen for the second time in five months from outside his house. The last time it was taken it was used as a getaway car in a robbery.*

Howe now, Moscow

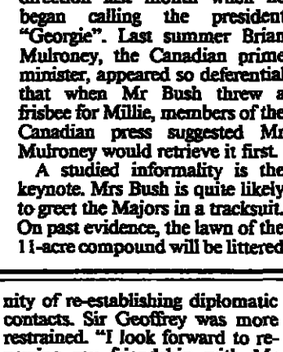
After years in the wilderness Sir Geoffrey Howe is returning to the centre of the world stage for the first time next month with a high-profile trip to the Soviet Union. It will be his first official overseas visit since he was sacked as foreign secretary in July 1989.

Sir Geoffrey is heading an all-party delegation which will meet Mr Gorbachev, Valentin Pavlov, the Soviet prime minister, Boris Yeltsin, president of the Russian Federation, and Eduard Shevardnadze, the former Soviet foreign minister. The delegation, from the Inter-Parliamentary Union, will hold talks in Moscow and Kiev on the reforms of the Soviet economy and the emergence of the new democratic parties. Mr Gorbachev was guest of the IPU in London 1984 when Mrs Thatcher declared he was a man she could do business with.

Sir Geoffrey will be given an extensive foreign office briefing before he flies out. According to friends he is relishing the opportunity of re-establishing diplomatic contacts. Sir Geoffrey was more restrained. "I look forward to renewing my friendship with Mr Gorbachev. It will be hard work but I am looking forward to some interesting moments."

Class act

The karaoke craze sweeping British pubs has now arrived at a British university. The Japanese devised the entertainment, which allows anybody to sing well-known songs to a backing track, with lyrics displayed on a monitor. Now dons at Stirling, who are planning to use a karaoke machine to try to liven up their Japanese tutorials, will become the first to use the technique for academic purposes.



Students struggling to grasp the language will be able to practise getting their vocal chords around the Japanese version of *Love Me Do*, with the help of the machine.

Japanese millionaire Koichi Takakura is presenting the £3,500 equipment to the university next week. The university is the biggest centre for Japanese studies in Europe, and the obvious place for such a gift, according to the Takakura Foundation. Alan Forrester, for the university, says: "Socialising with your business partners is vital in Japan. So we teach gift-giving, the art of bowing and now how to use a karaoke machine."

Included on the bilingual laser, which includes Japanese and Western pop songs, is "Auld Lang Syne". An odd choice? "Not at all," insists Forrester. "The Japanese actually think they wrote it."

Voice of experience

The poet W.H. Auden was renowned as an irascible critic who found it hard to utter kind words about anyone. The late poet lives up to the reputation in a new book, *The Table Talk of W.H. Auden*, which reveals his private thoughts on most of his literary contemporaries. They were not flattering.

His view on W.B. Yeats, espoused at a dinner party, is typical. "Yeats's last poems are, of course, competent, but they make one feel very uncomfortable. That's what happens when you're a virgin until you're 40 as he was."

Josef Brodsky, who won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1987, described Auden's mind as the most acute this century. But Auden is almost disparaging of his life's work. "I think that poetry is fundamentally frivolity. I do it because I like it. The only serious thing is loving God and your neighbour."

On Oscar Wilde, Auden says: "Wilde, after all, is important not as a writer – he couldn't write at all – but as a behaver."

● *As Celtic rugby fans in some quarters lick their wounds over recent results, another is about to add his expertise to perestroika in the Soviet Union. The country's rugby federation has appointed its first international commercial adviser, the post going to Alex Kilgour, a Scotsman, who cannot speak a word of Russian. He's learning.*

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AMERICA'S ANGER

Dick Cheney, the American defence secretary, warned President Saddam Hussein yesterday that he would be making "another big mistake" if he believed America and its allies lacked the stomach for further military action. The Pentagon has also been giving grisly testimony to the Congressional human-rights caucus. American prisoners taken during the Gulf war were beaten, had their bones broken, were threatened with mock executions and were jolted with electric shocks through their heads, making the tooth of one man explode in its socket.

Americans are rightly outraged. There is deep dissatisfaction that Saddam remains in power, with almost three quarters of those questioned in a recent poll saying the war should not have ended before he was toppled. The fruits of victory are turning sour, President Bush's popularity is falling and the administration's frustration is palpable.

Meanwhile Iraq has continued to prevaricate over United Nations demands under April's ceasefire resolution that it make full disclosure of all its nuclear capabilities and chemical and biological weapons facilities and stocks. American threats of renewed military action against these have evidently frightened Saddam. It was foolish of the Americans to set a deadline of July 25 for full disclosure and then lift it. But Iraq had ignored the UN's own earlier deadline. The American ultimatum did force Iraq to release some data. So long as information continues to flow, America would be unwise actually to carry out its threats.

Keeping Saddam guessing is a good tactic. To deprive Iraq of all weapons of mass destruction is an agreed international priority, and force is the only thing Saddam respects. But the US will forfeit allied support should it go beyond that objective. It is one thing to prepare for a new strike against Iraq should that be needed to knock out such weapons. It would be quite another if this were a mere pretext, the real aim being to precipitate the overthrow of the Iraqi dictator.

Clarity in this matter is essential. The European allies have no wish to become embroiled in another round of fighting, and have made that plain to Washington. The focus has now shifted back to the United Nations. The international community has been angered by Saddam's contemptuous treatment of the special commission. The Security Council must now endorse the UN's new plan for stringent controls and unrestricted access for UN inspectors.

Britain has played a main role in drawing up two new draft Security Council resolutions. One lays down in draconian detail how Iraq must co-operate with the special commission, and how its remaining missiles and capacity to manufacture banned weapons are to be destroyed. The other, largely French-inspired, is intended to set very tight controls on any renewed Iraqi oil sales.

The revenue is to go into a UN escrow account, with half that freed for UN-supervised purchases of food and medicines. These must be fairly distributed. In practice it will be hard for the UN to prevent the Iraqi army commandeering supplies. But Saddam must understand that if one mouthful is proved to have been diverted to the military, oil sales will be blocked, forthwith.

These resolutions are intended to deal with the unfinished business of the war. But they leave unanswered the question what to do about Saddam himself. The West wants him out. So do most Arabs, including most Iraqis. Margaret Thatcher voices public regret that he was allowed to remain in office. His brutality towards the Kurds and the Shia Muslims and his gloating consolidation of power continue. But bombing him out of office, even if that were possible, would be wrong. The West can no more afford now to make him a "martyr" than it could during the conflict.

Dismantling Iraq's nuclear and chemical weapons will be a slow, arduous process. It can be done if the new UN resolutions are carried through. The threat of force must remain a credible option. But nothing yet justifies renewed bombing. Whatever Mr Bush's frustrations, America must exercise its leadership through the Security Council and with its support. The UN must continue to throttle the country's recovery until the Iraqis manage to tear away the dog that has them by the throat.

OPENING BRITISH DOORS

British politics are notoriously partisan and secret. The politics of the BCCI affair have simply highlighted the complaints of those who despair at this. The message has been rubbed in by the electrifying performance of the American Senate sub-committee on foreign relations investigating BCCI. The footage of that hearing first filled our television screens on the day it emerged that Lord Justice Bingham's enquiry into BCCI will be held in private and under the auspices of the Bank of England and the Treasury – the very bodies that most want a whitewash.

Today's report in *The Times* that the Director of Public Prosecutions turned down a police proposal to prosecute BCCI six years ago only goes to show how easily in Britain key decisions are kept hidden. One cannot imagine the British police appearing in front of MPs to parade their evidence in the way that American investigators so gleefully did before Congress.

When the Treasury select committee heard from Robin Leigh-Pemberton, governor of the Bank of England, last month, MPs put up a good performance. This compared favourably with the juvenile "yes-you-did, no-I-didn't" squabble on the floor of the House the same day. Yet still the questions were boringly party political: Labour members wanted Mr Leigh-Pemberton to back up their contention that the government was to blame; Tory MPs, led by the committee chairman, Terence Higgins, wanted to prevent this.

In the Senate sub-committee, by contrast, Republicans were as searching in their questions as Democrats. Both sides were better informed than their British counterparts, thanks partly to their huge staff and their investigatory powers. No senator tried to steal the limelight at the expense of the others. They were working together as a team to uncover the truth. The difference lies mainly in the two systems of government. Separation of powers in America allows members of Congress to criticise the executive, even if the president happens to sport the same political colours. In Britain, an MP's only hope of career advancement is to impress party managers – and that means being "helpful" and "sound". Moreover, in America, an independent Federal Reserve Board can absorb flak that, under British all-encompassing government, flows back from the Bank of England to the prime minister via the Treasury.

Separation of powers in the United States ensures a higher calibre of committee member there, too. Americans aiming for high-ranking administration jobs are under no pressure to serve first in Congress. Many representatives and senators want no truck with the executive. The peak of their career is to serve on, eventually to chair, one of the powerful committees. Ambitious MPs, however, want to become parliamentary private secretaries, not select committee members.

If the Treasury committee is constitutionally incapable of doing a proper job of investigating the BCCI affair, all the more reason for Lord Justice Bingham's enquiry to display the openness, independence and inquisitorial powers that shame Britain from across the Atlantic. Paddy Ashdown was right yesterday to call for the enquiry to be given greater powers and for the arras of secrecy to be drawn back. There should be power to take evidence on oath, and to compel witnesses to attend. If there is evidence that has to be taken *in camera* for reasons of commercial sensitivity, so be it. Otherwise, the enquiry should be tough-minded and independent, and wide open to public scrutiny.

INERTIAE DULCEDO

Exercise does nothing for stress, Dutch scientists have discovered. Comparisons of the stress levels of the fitness freak with the lounge lizard have disproved the rumour that a workout eases tension. Their research, which broke surface only a couple of days ago, is bad news for busy executives who had already booked an energetic holiday. But there are no grounds for smugness, from their workaholic colleagues who refuse to take a break at all. A recent survey of personnel managers shows that 90 per cent of them think not taking holidays is bad for business, leading to absenteeism or worse.

So what fuels this obsession with hard labour? Charles Darwin and television, most likely. Out there, in a place called Nature, there is constant warfare, or so television wildlife programmes imply. Darwin's principle of the survival of the fittest translates to the small screen as a permanent night-and-day industry of hunting and killing. So how can a busy executive expect to survive if he defies the law of the jungle: never turn your back, kill or be killed?

But the real law of the jungle is the very opposite: quiet please, everybody's asleep! From a TV producer's angle, however, three quarters of an hour of a lion snoring in the sun will get nowhere in the ratings. So over to ants frantically eating beetles. When they fall asleep too, cue hawks swooping. If the bees are not busy, give them a stir. And the reality of jungle life – long intervals of nothing at all interrupted by rare spasms of action – is dumped in the cutting room bin.

American biologists have now measured what animals actually do when they are not on camera. They have found what everybody who owns a domestic cat could have told them for free. "We would all be idle if we could," claimed Samuel Johnson. Cats and their cousins need no urging.

The lion lies sprawled for 12 hours a day, then sleeps it off at night. Even worker ants, very Stakhanovites of the natural world, spend 80 per cent of their time leaning on a shovel. The "hard day at the office" of a short-tailed shrew is two-thirds total inactivity, and even the howling monkey likes to spend 70 per cent of its waking hours not howling, just resting. Far from being lazy, the sloth's 15 hours a day wondering whether to scratch an ear is typical – and compared with the spadefoot toad's 11 out of 12 months per year just sitting there, positively restless.

Humans are the ridiculous exception. "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do" (Isaac Watts) is the righteous motto of the Protestant ethic, just as "in the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread" was the curse of Adam. Even the seventh day is not for relaxing but for feeling uneasy about it, pottering around looking for relief. Now American biologists have shown the survival value of bone idleness – for nothing in nature is by accident – a summer journey to the beach and sun need no longer be a guilt trip. It is a chance to savour what Tacitus called "the sweetness of being idle".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Heseltine's plans for London parks

From Baroness Jeger of St Pancras

Sir, I share the anxieties of your correspondents (July 27) about the threatened privatisation of the royal parks. But there is another aspect which reflects darkly on the attitude of the secretary of state to Parliament.

Mr Heseltine arranged for these drastic and ill-considered proposals to be announced in a written statement in both Houses on July 18 (report, July 20; letters, July 27). Written statements cannot, at the time, be debated or questioned in Parliament. The minister must have been working on his plans for some time. But he waits until Parliament is about to rise until October 14. This means that they will escape parliamentary scrutiny at least until then.

In reply to a question I asked in the House of Lords on July 25 the minister of state, Baroness Blatch, said that the contracting out to the private sector "of the ground maintenance and related work" takes place from February 1992. This means that preparation of tenders and the letting of contracts must be under way.

When Parliament reassembles on October 14 there will be the usual rush of over-spill work to be completed before Parliament is prorogued. Then a gap until the state opening, usually in November. So tight a timetable cannot be regarded as democratic.

Baroness Blatch also said that provision for expenditure for the royal parks for 1991-2 had been agreed at £20.6 million, covering administration, maintenance of grounds and buildings, and policing. (It is not clear whether the figures quoted would include workers' redundancy payments.)

Then why a rush to change fiscal arrangements by February? Why not allow the present experienced and loyal staff to carry on at their high standards, at least until the review group to be chaired by Dame Jennifer Jenkins has completed its proposals – some of which may well be pre-empted if the contractors are already on site?

What are the reasons for these unlovely changes? The answer can only be found in illiterate dogma. I cannot find any deafening public demand for commercial interference in the running of these mature, beautiful parks.

The government may side-step Parliament but it cannot totally ignore public opinion; it would not fit in well with the ideals of the prime minister's citizen's charter. It must be hoped that the protests will be reasoned and strong enough to make Mr Heseltine realise that even he cannot do exactly what he likes to the citizens' cherished places. Or can he?

Yours sincerely,
LENA M. JEGER,
House of Lords.
July 31.

Little brown birds

From Mr W. G. McPherson

Sir, The writer of your third leader of July 30 must be a clone of the apocryphal journalist who wrote of the moors on August 12, "echoing to the crack of the rifle" – their expertise in fieldcraft is equally profound. The down-trodden Scottish peasantry do not "beat away the copses" on August 12 to flush out "little brown birds": the down-trodden English peasantry do that, in October, to flush out a bigger and gaudier bird – known as the "pheasant" – sole output of the gamekeeper, who nurtures it from birth to death.

The "little" (little is a comparative term) "brown bird" of your writer is called a "grouse", although the illiterate Scottish peasant insists on calling it *Lagopus lagopus scoticus*.

It rears its kind on the moors without the help of any man, except for the annual festival known as the "Feeding of the Chicks". This takes place on April 1, when the keepers roam the moors with pailfuls of mash (haggis and whisky in equal proportions) of which each chick receives a teaspoonful, along with a pinch of salt.

Yours faithfully,
W. G. McPHERSON,
37 Granary Street,
Huntly, Aberdeenshire.

Pension fund snags

From Mr Christopher Bryans

Sir, Sir Michael Ogden's article (Law Times, July 23) highlights a profound problem for those who have made prudent provisions for their retirement by using pensions which offer a return on death before retirement of their original pension contribution (sometimes with interest added at a prescribed amount). The more recent practice has instead permitted a return of fund.

The difference really needs to be illustrated to be fully appreciated. In a recent case I examined, annual premiums of £800 had been paid over a number of years, the fund value stood at £36,602 whilst the claim value upon early death was just £13,746.

However, there is an advantage for those who survive to retirement with return-of-contribution policies and consequently the cost of switching to a return-of-fund basis can be far from insignificant.

With many return-of-contributions the misfortune of one policyholder who does not survive to retirement effectively benefits the surviving policyholders who share in the profits of the pension fund. The sum assured from commencement can be calculated to take into account part of this mortality expectation.

Consequently, to switch from one basis of death in service to another can seriously erode the value of the fund. I have recently seen such switches with National Provident Institution (NPI) and Scottish Widows where the "cost" has been a reduction in the fund of between 17 and 18 per cent.

Policyholders who have return-of-contribution type pension funds should act with caution.

Yours faithfully,
C R. BRYANS (Director),
C. W. Financial Services Ltd.,
Devonshire House,
1 Devonshire Street, W1.

From Mr K. E. O. Griffiths

Sir, Sir Michael Ogden is right in advising barristers, and indeed others, to take advice on their insurance and pension arrangements. He is not quite right in saying that until the early 1980s all policies provided that in case of death before taking pension, insurers would pay only the return of premiums plus perhaps interest at 4 or 5 per cent.

Now, as then, it may be wise, in taking advice as Sir Michael recommends, to consult independent, professional, insurance specialists.

Yours faithfully,
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(Founder partner),
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Drury House,
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Liverpool 2.
July 24.

From Mr C. G. Trimmer

Sir, The European Court of Justice (article, July 22) holds that occupational pension schemes are pay. Why then should a widow, as in many cases she does, lose her pension from her former husband if she remarries, any more than any other of her property? Or is this really a subtle protection for her from the avaricious predatory male, or a deterrent to gold-digging widows?

True equity would seem to be elusive as well as expensive.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES G. TRIMMER,
38 Houndean Rise,
Lewes, Sussex.
July 23.

Bar codes in the British line-up

From the Secretary General of the Article Number Association (UK) Ltd.

Sir, Your leader, "Drawing a line at bar codes" (July 27), calls for all bar codes to be made decipherable. In fact, the data in the bar code are printed below the bars and in most cases this number has no meaning: it is simply a unique identification number.

Information about the product, such as its price, size or country of origin, is held in a computer and recalled by reference to the bar code number.

Numbers issued from our number bank in the UK start with 50, but this does not mean the products using these numbers are made in Britain. We can issue numbers to foreign companies, just as UK companies and multinationals can use numbers from other number banks. The "patriotic purchaser" you mention could therefore be misled by reading too much into the code.

There are exceptions, where codes do carry some information. Codes on newspapers carry a week number, day number and price indicator as your science editor has accurately described (report, July 30).

Goods sold by weight have a code incorporating the price. The vast majority of product codes, however, are non-significant identifiers.

There is no secrecy about any of this. It is merely a simple system of product identification designed to improve information on the distribution of goods and thereby improve the service provided to consumers.

Yours sincerely,
A. T. OSBORNE,
Secretary General,
Article Number Association (UK) Ltd.,
6 Catherine Street, WC2.

From Mr T. J. Roche

Sir, Bar codes were not designed to hide information from shoppers, but to increase the amount of information available. I would rather trust an itemised till receipt, calculated automatically from up-to-date information, than one made up from a series of price labels read and keyed in by a bored sales assistant.

If it is necessary for the public to decipher the codes (and I can't see the real need for this, as the prices are always shown on the shelves) perhaps the answer is a simple device to read the code and display the price. Retailers could make these available in the store as they do with weighing machines.

Yours etc.,
T. J. ROCHE,
Woodydene, Dingle Lane,
Appleton, Warrington, Lancashire.

From Mrs P. R. Fletcher

Sir, I can accept the bar code on a can or a packet which is soon to be thrown away, but is it necessary for our books and records to be permanently marked in this unsightly way?

Surely the designers of the covers must object to their work being spoilt.

Yours sincerely,
P. R. FLETCHER,
16 Taunton Road, Sale, Cheshire.

From Mr G. C. J. Kiang

Sir, It is not necessarily true (your report on bar codes) that leap years have 53 weeks or that ordinary years only have 52. This year, in fact, will have 53 weeks and 1996 will have only 52. The first week of the new year is the one that includes January 4.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM KIANG,
24 Coombe Wood Hill,
Purley, Surrey.

From Mr Michael J. Banks

Sir, I shall have to take your science editor's word for it that the mathematics of the bar code "have a certain elemental beauty" pending an explanation of it written neither by a scientist nor a mathematician.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. BANKS,
121 Huddleston Road, N7.

From Mr Stephen Humphreys

Sir, The report and your leader reminded me of the following verses from the New Testament:

The beast forced all the people, small and great, rich and poor, slave and free, to have a mark placed on their right hands or on their foreheads. No one could buy or sell unless he had this mark . . . (Revelations 13:16-17 (Good News Bible)).

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN HUMPHREYS,
6 Langfield Close,
Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire.

From Mrs Judy Spector

Sir, Surely the bar code should include *The Times* sell-by date?

Yours faithfully,
JUDY SPECTOR,
Jasmin House, Sutton Crescent,
Barnet, Hertfordshire.

A question of care

From the Editor of Community Care

Sir, One part of the citizen's charter (details, July 23) would allow people with a learning difficulty or physical disability the right to independent representation where necessary.

Three months ago it was officially announced that the government would not implement sections 1-3 of the Disabled Persons Act 1986, giving disabled people the statutory right to independent representation in their dealings with the health or local authority.

It was argued that the costs were prohibitive and that the same rights were available under the NHS and Community Care Act 1990. However, the costs have been reliably estimated at £6 million, or 75p a week for every disabled person represented, because advocates would continue to work, as they do now, voluntarily.

Neither is it true that later legislation has made the sections superfluous. A disabled person will have the right to representation only "if it appears" to the local authority that there is a need (a phrase as dangerously vague as the charter's "where necessary").

If Mr Major is serious about citizens' rights for two of the most vulnerable groups in society he has only to show that the government is as concerned for the rights of disabled people as it is for protecting the interests of British Rail season-ticket holders by reversing this decision.

Yours faithfully,
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Navy know-how

From Mr N. W. Furneaux

Sir, As a Royal Navy pensioner, I have been interested in the concern expressed by the British army over the regimental system. In the navy it was quite normal for the lower deck to move from ship to ship about every three years, a completely new ship's company being commissioned on each occasion. A new command frequently improved performance.

After commissioning and after a working-up period of several months of intensive training the ship was accepted into the fleet. During this period the ship's company achieved an *esprit de corps*, often including rivals from other ships, that was second to none – competition was the byword.

Yours faithfully,
N. W. FURNEAUX,
6 Woburn Court,
Marine Parade East,
Lee-on-Solent, Hampshire.

Youth theatre fund

From Mr Donald King

Sir, Mr Edward Wilson, artistic director of the National Youth Theatre, says that he is tempted to put an Arts Council grant of £5,000 "on the council's doorstep in pennies" (report, July 29). If he is so contemptuous of this offer from the taxpayer then I, as a taxpayer, would lose no sleep if he declined it.

Mr Wilson should remember, too, that the large grant of £50,000 from the Department of Education and Science also comes from the taxpayer's pocket. I suppose the Treasury is satisfied as to the propriety of a single activity being supported by what are, in effect, two Exchequer grants?

Yours faithfully,
DONALD KING,
Greenways, Cray Road,
Crockenhill,
Swanley, Kent.
July 29.

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Tombs imperilled by Tangier road

From Miss Stephanie Sweet

Sir, Walter Harris, *The Times* correspondent in Morocco from 1887 until 1932, the year before he died, lies buried in St Andrew's churchyard in Tangier. Today, his grave, like those of several other eminent men, is threatened with destruction, since plans are far advanced for a thoroughfare to be driven through the churchyard.

The importance of this site transcends, however, purely British interests. The land was given to her Majesty's government by Sultan Hassan I in 1883 that a church might be built there. On his visits to Morocco in 1912 and 1913 Henri Matisse was much taken with the view of the church and its surroundings and made drawings and paintings of it from his hotel window. Some of these were recently on show in Washington, New York, Moscow and Leningrad.

May it be hoped that distinguished men of today point out the need to preserve this site, which is a tribute to the tolerance, hospitality and generosity of Morocco?

I remain, Sir, your
obedient servant,
STEPHANIE SWEET,
23 Avenue Meknes,
Rabat, Morocco.
July 31.

Parish costs

From Major J. R. Hunter

Sir, Michael Stagg, of our Norwich diocese (July 26), gives insurance the lowest priority for a parish, but premiums have to be paid and have become one of our biggest headaches.

We are a small rural parish with a medieval church. The proportion of our insurance premium to general expenditure has risen in 30 years from 7 per cent to 15 per cent. We had a gift day recently which raised £600 – not enough to pay our premium of £717.

Some outside help in the insurance of these ancient monuments of national importance would be much appreciated by the smaller rural parishes not surrounded by affluence.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. HUNTER
(Honorary Treasurer, Geldeston parochial church council),
Green Farm,
Geldeston,
Beccles, Suffolk.
July 30.

Siege machine

From Mr John Carter

Sir, It was with great interest and pleasure that I read the letter from Mr Charles Harris (July 25) concerning the trebuchet. His account demonstrates admirably that one should never accept, without question, the opinion of academics. My money is on the field study every time.

Incidentally, if I were besieged and subjected to a bombardment of dead pigs and upright pianos, there is no question: I should "parley" immediately. The human mind can only accept so much.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CARTER,
Sous La Castel, Aigaliers,
30700 Uzés,
Gard, France.
July 28.

Noises off

From Mrs E. V. Mercer Banks

Sir, One of your correspondents (August 1) deplores the ceaseless "talking, joking and shouting" by "the masses" during the Pavarotti concert. Could this be because they did not realise that the concert had started?

My partner and I also left early as it was quite simply a waste of time. A wonderful idea: please, Mr Goldsmith, more opera for the masses, but next time more attention to the acoustics. Lessons from Wembley perhaps?

Yours, now dry,
ELISABETH MERCER BANKS.
La Hucha,
118 Duncombe Road,
Bengeo, Hertford.
August 1.

From Mr Adrian Brodkin

Sir, Do I detect in today's letter the ugly face of opera elitism rearing its head yet again?

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN BRODKIN,
93 Kingsley Way, N2.
August 1.

BCC and I?

From Mrs Aisha Henthorn

Sir, About the BCCI logo puzzle (letter, August 2), presumably it contains the blind eye which was apparently turned.

Yours faithfully,
AISHA HENTHORN,
Oxhey View,
1 Oxhey Road,
Watford, Hertfordshire.
August 2.

From Mr Michael Jones

Sir, Forget the missing "I", where are the missing millions?

Yours faithfully,
M. JONES,
47c Fairhazel Gardens, NW6.
August 2.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 2: The Lord Ashburton was received by The Queen and delivered up the Insignia of the Order of the Garter worn by his father, the late Lord Ashburton.

Mr David Blatherwick was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Dublin.

Mrs Blatherwick was also received by The Queen.

His Excellency Dr Albert Butros and Mrs Butros were received in Farewell Audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency Mr Victor Camilleri and Mrs Camilleri were received in Farewell Audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Malta in London.

The Queen this afternoon opened the Lynnsport Sports and Leisure Centre at King's Lynn.

Her Majesty was received by the Lord-Lieutenant for Norfolk (Mr Timothy Colman) and Mrs Eva Kemp (Mayor of King's Lynn and West Norfolk).

The Queen then toured the Centre, viewed sporting activities in progress, and presented the first annual Lynnsport Athlete of the Year Award to Mr William Tresparderne.

Afterwards, Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque after which the building was blessed by the Right Reverend David Bentley (Bishop of Lynn).

The Right Hon Sir Robert Fellowes was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 2: The Prince Edward today visited the Children's Film Unit during the filming of *How's Business* on location near Haverhill, Suffolk.

Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
August 2: The Prince of Wales opened the Cricket School in the grounds of Arundel Castle, West Sussex.

His Royal Highness was received by Major-General Sir Philip Ward (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex).

Lieutenant-Commander Robert Fraser RN was in attendance.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother celebrates her birthday tomorrow.

Tomorrow's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will attend a dinner to mark the start of the course at his summer school in *civil architecture* at Magdalen College, Oxford, at 7.30.

Prince Edward will visit the Boy's Brigade international camp at Hazelhead Park, Aberdeen, at 11.

Retirements

Judge Crocker retired from the Circuit Bench on the South Eastern Circuit yesterday, and Judge Kellock, QC, retired from the Circuit Bench on the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

Appointment

Mr Roger Saddards to be Honorary Solicitor of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

Painting shown to be artist's gift

A watercolour acquired by the National Museum of Wales has been found to be a Christmas present from the artist David Jones to Eric Gill and his wife in 1926-7.

An inscription showing it to be a gift was discovered during conservation work. The painting shows Capel-y-Ffin near Llanthony Abbey, Abergavenny where he stayed with the Gills periodically between 1924-28. The work is on show at the museum in Cardiff until August 11.

Service dinners

Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force
The Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire and Major-General W.A. Evans, General Office Commanding Eastern District, were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force held last night at Nesscliff Camp, Shrewsbury. Lieutenant-Colonel R. Dickinson presided and Colonel A.A.F. Terry, Commandant, received the guests.

Essex Army Cadet Force
Lieutenant-Colonel R.M.N. Calton, Commandant, and Officers of the Essex Army Cadet Force held a dinner last night at Redesdale Training Camp, Otterburn, Northumberland. Lieutenant-Colonel A.T. Branigan presided.

Berkshire Army Cadet Force
Colonel P.F. Jolliffe and Officers of the Berkshire Army Cadet Force held their annual dinner last night at Penhale Camp, Cornwall. Sir David Black, Brigadier B.R. Cooper and Mr Peter Blake were the principal guests.

Dinner

International Byron Society
Mr William St Clair, Joint President of the International Byron Society, presided at a dinner held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel for delegates to the Byron conference. Professor Ernst Giddey of Lausanne University was the principal speaker and Professor Malcolm Kelsall of Cardiff University also spoke.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.M.A. Barker
and Miss C-A. Ogden
The engagement is announced between Nicolas, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Harry Barker, of East Preston, West Sussex, and Nina, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Laurie Ogden, of Sintra, Portugal.

Mr I.D.D. Cox
and Miss L.R. Parkinson
The engagement is announced between Ian David Dalton, son of Mr and Mrs Denis Cox, of Southport, and Laura Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Parkinson, of Solihull.

Mr T.J. Dorey
and Miss M.D. Krickhan
The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mrs Katharine D. Thompson, of Guernsey, and the late Mr Peter Dorey, and Mildred, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Krickhan, of Winnipeg, Canada.

Mr J.S. Golfar
and Miss P.F. Carrington
The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mrs Joan Golfar and the late Mr *John Golfar, of London*, and Patricia, eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Francis Russell, of London.

Mr C.S. Jacoby
and Miss D.J. Windrow
The engagement is announced between Curtis Simon, only son of Mr and Mrs Hans G. Jacoby, of Finchley, London, and Davina June, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. David Windrow, of Epping, Essex.

Mr M.J. MacClancy
and Miss M.E.A. Mallinson
The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr James MacClancy, of Cardiff, and Mrs Mary MacClancy, also of Cardiff, and Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Mallinson, of Eastbourne.

Mr R.N.B. Morgan
and Mejuffrouw D.J.E.M. van Hellenberg Hubar
The engagement is announced between Rupert, second son of Mr and Mrs Robin Morgan, of Nawton, North Yorkshire, and Désirée, daughter of de Heer and Mevrouw Como van Hellenberg Hubar, of Doorn, The Netherlands.

Mr K.F. Postlethwaite
and Miss S.C.M. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Kevin, younger son of Professor and Mrs R. Postlethwaite, of Cirencester, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Wilson, of Malmesbury.

Mr R.E.K. Russell
and Miss S.J.F. Mills
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs B.J. Russell, of Stopsley, Bedfordshire, and Sarah, younger daughter of Sir Frank and Lady Mills, of Chichester, Sussex.

Captain I.R.M. Saker
and Miss K.M. Macdonald
The engagement is announced between Captain Iain Saker, 13th/18th Royal Hussars (QMO), elder son of Mrs John Buckland, of Tandlaw, Hawick, Roxburghshire, and of Mr Richard Saker, of Maitland, Florida, and Kate, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Macdonald, of Higher Hill Farm, Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset.

Mr I.A. Woodhouse
and Miss C.E. Withycombe
The engagement is announced between Ian, only son of Mr and Mrs A.H. Woodhouse, of *Seaford, East Sussex, and Clare*, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F.R. Withycombe, of Kingswear, Devon.

Marriages

Mr D.H. Cavendish-Pell
and Miss E.A. Roach
The marriage took place at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, Wirral, on August 2, between Derek Cavendish-Pell and Elizabeth Roach.

Mr J.M.C. Evans
and Dr S.C. Purkhardt
The marriage took place on July 20, at All Saints Church, Witley, between Mr John Meric Charles (Chuck) Evans, eldest son of Sir Charles and Lady Evans, of Ardincaple, Capel Curig, and Dr S. Caroline Purkhardt, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ralph Purkhardt, of Hangerfield, Witley.

The bride was given away by her father and was attended by Caley, Eleanor and James Purkhardt. Mr Nick Burnell was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr J. de C. Guillaume
and Mrs P.M. Dames-Longworth
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 27, in Bath, between John Guillaume, younger son of the late Rev Professor A. and Mrs Guillaume, and Patricia Dames-Longworth, elder daughter of the late Rev J.W. and Mrs Blencowe.

OBITUARIES

CHARLES SMITH

Dr Charles Stuart Smith, a deputy chief scientific officer at the Admiralty Research Establishment, Dunfermline, died of cancer on July 13 aged 55. He was born on April 21, 1936.



CHARLES Smith was a structural naval architect who did important work on the structure and design of warships in the 1960s and 1970s and later used his expertise as an adviser on the safety of North Sea oil platforms.

In the late 1960s and the 1970s the Royal Navy was committed to developing glass reinforced plastics (GRP) for mine counter-measure vessels to replace its non-magnetic wooden minesweepers. Smith took charge of much of the required research and development on these new materials whose different properties, modes of failure and so on required large-scale experimental verification and the development of a whole new approach to thinking in relation to structural design and safety.

The success of the research work owed much to Smith's brilliance and found extensive applications in three generations of ships — HMS *Wilton*, the first glass reinforced plastics warship; and the Hunt class and the Sandown class of mine hunters.

Smith worked on other types of surface ship design and in-service assessments which benefited the Type 42 destroyers and Type 21 frigates. He also helped to develop the concept of lightweight, low-cost glass reinforced plastics or hybrid steel/GRP superstructures and deck houses. This led to active collaboration with the US and Canadian navies and will set trends for the future.

Charles Smith came partly from highland droving stock and was educated at George Watson's College and Glasgow University where he took a BSc, a PhD and a DSc. He joined the Admiralty Research Establishment, Dunfermline, in October 1962. He remained there throughout his career, apart from one year (1966-67) when he had an exchange posting at the David Taylor Naval Ship Research and Development Center, Washington.

His life's work concerned ship structural design, operation and safety. He developed and applied advanced theories for solving the complicated structural behaviour of ships, in order to evolve practical and economic designs for successive generations of naval vessels. He had a flair for dealing with difficult matters and for presenting the results in a form which could be readily understood and used by practising naval constructors. In 1974 he was appointed head of the Surface Ship Structures Division at the Admiralty Research Establishment.

Throughout this period and into the 1980s Smith's expertise was widely sought. He advised, initiated and monitored offshore structural research for the Science and Engineering Research Council and the Department of Energy. He was a member of the Department of Engineering's offshore installations technical advisory committee, which was responsible for advising the government on the safety of North Sea platforms and for drafting guidance regulations for their certification. He also served on the department's advisory group on structural performance of offshore installations and on its wave energy steering committee.

In 1985 Smith was elected to the Fellowship of Engineering for outstanding services in marine structures. He was awarded the James Alfred Ewing Medal in 1989 for his contributions to civil structural engineering. This award (shared with such illustrious predecessors as Barnes Wallis, Professor Timoshenko and Lord Penny) was on the nomination of the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Royal Society.

His brother, the renowned mountaineer Robin Smith, was killed in a Scottish-Russian mountaineering expedition in the Caucasus in 1960. In 1962 Smith married Claudie Paulicand. They had a son and three daughters, all of whom shared Charles Smith's passion for sailing, fishing, skiing and hill walking. Smith enjoyed competing in the strenuous Three Islands race.

DAVID LLOYD JONES

David Elwyn Lloyd Jones, MC, under-secretary of state in the Department of Education and Science, 1969-80, has died aged 70. He was born on October 20, 1920.



DAVID Lloyd Jones was a resourceful soldier and far-sighted civil servant. Against the Japanese in Burma he fought fiercely and successfully to win a Military Cross that was awarded as much for his leadership as for his personal action. As a civil servant, he was in a position to help develop polytechnics which he saw as a means of bringing higher education to more people, thus making for a better qualified workforce.

Though so important to him later in his career, education was not his first choice. He was born in Aberystwyth and there went to Ardwyn Grammer School and the University College of Wales. From his maternal grandfather, a marine engineer who spent his life in Calcutta, he acquired an early and lasting fascination with India. By the time he went to university he had decided to make his career in the Indian Civil Service. Foiled by the outbreak of war, but still pursuing this ultimate aim, he joined the Indian Army and after Sandhurst was posted to the 1st Battalion of the newly created Assam Regiment, then part of the forward screen defending India after the fall of Burma. The memories of the carnage of the siege of Kohima and of the bridgehead on the Irrawaddy River were to remain deeply engraved on his mind.

The citation for his MC recorded how Major Lloyd Jones planned and carried out, in conjunction with patriotic Burmese forces working under his instructions, an ambush in which 300 Japanese were prevented from crossing the river Sittang on rafts and large numbers were shot and drowned. He served continuously with his battalion for three years in the field, 14 months of which were spent in close contact with the enemy. After the war Lloyd Jones became secretary of the Assam Regiment's reunion club and dedicated himself to maintaining links not only between the British and Indian officers of his time, but with the successive generations.

Indian independence meant a change of mind about his career and he entered the Civil Service. He chose the education ministry and never regretted his decision. He spent a brief period at the beginning of the 1960s as principal private secretary to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster which he relished not only because of the insight it gave into the broader range of government but also for the fund of hilarious stories provided by the then Chancellor, ex-radio doctor Charles Hill.

The central commitment of his life was to education. Between 1961 and 1969 he was an assistant secretary, acting first as deputy accountant general within his department and then taking responsibility under ministers for the full range of non-university further and higher education. The central focus of his activity and his major achievement in these years was helping to create the British polytechnic system. He saw the expansion of the polytechnic system as a way of reducing the disturbing gap in qualification levels between Britain and many other Western societies.

He had, as a civil servant, a high regard for the talent of some of the ministers and secretaries of state that he worked for. But, as he saw it, the high turnover of ministers hindered effectiveness. In his period at the department the average tenure of office of a secretary of state for education was less then two years, scarcely giving anyone time to master the brief before moving to another job. After his retirement he viewed with considerable sadness the changes in the educational scene. Central control appeared to him to be becoming stronger and the era of expansion replaced by severe cuts in funding.

Some notes he left reveal a good deal of his thinking on education. Maybe, he wrote, there is a reversion to basic English cynicism about education. "As David Lloyd George put it: 'The Welsh have a passion for education, the Scots a respect for it, and the English no objection to it.' Perhaps," he continued, "we need an injection of Welsh passion to restore the traditional belief in education and to see through these grim years of recession."

There were other interests in retirement: he served on the councils of the Froebel Institute, the Royal Academy of Dancing and the Royal College of Music; and he loved exploring the country roads and small hotels of France. But perhaps his greatest pleasure was golf.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth.

JOHN GUISE

John Guise, headmaster and cricketer, has died, aged 87. He was born in Calcutta on November 25, 1903.

JOHN Guise will be remembered as the holder of a record score in public schools cricket. His 278 for Winchester against Eton in 1921 remains unbeaten to this day. Despite Guise's score Eton still went on to win.

Guise later captained the Oxford university side in 1925 and, during subsequent years in India, opened the batting for All India against the MCC touring side in 1927, scoring 92. However, the match in which Guise made his name remains remarkable for his almost single-handed endeavour. In the first of Winchester's two innings, he scored only eight out of a total of 57 and took one wicket for 63 with his teasingly flighted spinners. Eton looked overwhelming with a first innings score of 255. Besides they had the fast bowling of G. O. ("Gubby") Allen and when Guise walked out to open Winchester's second innings, they looked beaten. But Guise would have none of it. His hooking of the fast bowling was particularly devastating and he scored 45 fours.

But he could not have achieved his vast score if he had not skilfully nursed his partners. For more than four hours he was at the wicket and when lunch came on the second day of the match he was on 243 with the score 345 for nine. After lunch he made a further 35 and took the score to 381; but, still trying to keep the bowling, he was run out by a throw from deep square leg that took him by surprise. The second highest score in the innings was 21. Allen took four for 74. Eton won because they got 184 for three wickets in the second innings.

A few years later Guise joined the staff at Winchester College where he was in charge of cricket, following E. R. Wilson and H. S. Altham. He played for Middlesex when available between 1923 and 1934. He relinquished his post at Winchester in 1937 to take up full-time Christian work with the Oxford Group and later Moral Rearmament — interrupted by three war-time years with the National Fire Service.

In 1947 he returned to full-time teaching, becoming headmaster of Helston Grammar School between 1952 and 1964. During the post-war years he was periodically involved in broadcasting and was also the author of two books, *Successful Cricket* and *Talking of Cricket*. His last book, published in 1984 and cordially commended in a foreword by the present Bishop of Lewes, is entitled *Questions for Christians* and consists of a series of enquiries, each based on a passage of scripture, into the motives which govern the life of a Christian.

Although continuing to follow cricket with enthusiasm to his life's end, Guise's supreme interest lay in his Christian faith. Many came to him for counsel.

He is survived by his wife Delphine, formerly better known as the concert pianist Delphine de Martelly. There are a son and two daughters from his first marriage.



A. D. CHESTERFIELD

F. M. M. S writes:

YOUR sympathetic obituary of the late A. D. Chesterfield evokes both memories of dealing with him, and of a vanished banking scene.

Fifty years ago it was still possible for the rather grand manager of a large City branch of the then Westminster Bank to deal personally (and sympathetically) with a most insignificant private customer. One visible sign of his being a high flyer was his managership, in his thirties, of a branch given either to very senior men as their last appointment or to very promising younger men, as in Chesterfield's case. St Mary Axe, which then as now housed the Baltic Exchange, was then much more the centre in the City of the shipping industry and of a reasonably colourful and partly Greek character, and the diminished importance of shipping in the work of the local banks presumably reflects the same trend in the national economy. Property development forced the St Mary Axe branch of what was now the National Westminster Bank out of the street some years ago, but it retained its representative office on the Baltic Exchange until the end. The branch was finally closed earlier this summer, shortly before the demise of probably its most distinguished former manager.

THE REV DR ALEC VIDLER

Humphrey Wynn writes:

IN YOUR admirable obituary of the Rev Dr Alec Vidler (July 29) you say that he, "along with his friend Malcolm Muggeridge, loathed the obtrusiveness of the television screen"; but you fail to mention that they made a fascinating series of TV programmes for the BBC in 1971 on the journeys of St Paul — later perpetuated in book form.

To see these two eminent intellectual pilgrims swaying along on the backs of donkeys, while Dr Vidler responded with dry academic ripostes to St Mugg's deliberately provocative views, against a gorgeous background of ancient sites in Asia Minor, was to watch an example of television at its best — a most welcome obtrusiveness by the small screen.

Eisteddfod welcomes the English

THE Welsh are looking beyond Offa's Dyke to swell audiences for the annual celebration of their national culture beginning today.

The 1991 National Eisteddfod is being staged in the Clwydian hills on the outskirts of Mold and organisers hope to attract at least 250,000 for the week-long festival, the traditional gathering of the Welsh speaking clans from around the world.

The intention is that by encouraging more non-Welsh speakers, the event will help to bridge the gap that not only exists between the Welsh and the English but also between Welsh and non-Welsh speaking parts of the principality. While there will be no relaxation of the festival's all-Welsh rule, with the help of a small transmitter, visitors can hear a *simultaneous* translation service for all of the big ceremonies.

The location, only a few miles from the English border and on the way to the north Wales coast, is convenient for tourists. They will experience Welsh culture at its best, with *its choirs and harps, culminating* in the crowning and chairing ceremonies on Tuesday and Thursday. The Eisteddfod crown and chair are considered the greatest national accolades for poets.

Church services tomorrow

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Missa vidi turbam magnam (Allegri), O sacrum convivium (Tallis), The Archdeacon; 12.30 Pth/12th Canons Memorial Service; 1 Queen's Regimental Association service of Remembrance, Rev C Glew; 3.15 E, Responses (Gibbons), Gloucester Service (Howells), Ascribe unto the Lord (Wesley); 6.30 Sermon & Compline, The Precentor.

YORK MINSTER 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, O beata Trinitas, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Rev Jean Mayland; 11.30 M, Wood in E flat; 4 E, Responses (Millington), Stanford in C, The Lord is King (Boyce), Rev R Mayland.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Smith), Te Deum (Ebdon), Jubilate (Howells), Very Rev E Evans; 12.30 HC, Missa Brevis in D (Haydn), Ave Verum (Elgar); 3.15 E, Brewer in D, Dixit Dominus (Mozart), Canon M Saward.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Burgomaster), Collegium Regale (Howells), My Shepherd is the living Lord, Sister Brigitte; 11.15 Abbey Eucharist, Missa Christi (Lightoot), Tantum ergo (Duruflé), Rev A Lutt; 3 E, Responses (Howells), Howells Westminster Service, O God, thou art my God (Purcell), Joseph C Stamper; 5.45 Organ Recital; 6.30 ES, Canon A Harvey.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC, 11 Euch, Harwood in A flat, Expectans expectavi (Wood), Ave verum (Elgar), Very Rev L Edwards; 3 E, Guild.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7 Mass; 10.30 S Mass; 2.30 Organ Recital; 3.30 Solemn V & B.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6 LM (Sat); 8, 10 (Children's), 6 LM; 11.30 MM, Fr A M Barrett.

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.

GEORGIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W11: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

GUARDS' CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 8 HC, Let my prayer come up (Blow), Sumsion in F, Jesu, the very thought of Thee (Balfratton), Rev K Joyce.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church), WC2: 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev A T R Goode.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev Canon P Delaney.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 8.15 HC; 11 HM, Missa Solemnis in C (Mozart), The heavens are telling the glory of God (Gaydn), Rev J A Gaskell; 6 E, Sumsion in G, The Lord is King (Boyce), Rev C A Jones.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev D Bowe & 6.30 Rev Dr J Shot.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Cheyne Walk, SW3: 11 S HC, Rev J H L Green; 6 E, Mr D Royce.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev N Vigers.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10.30, Family HC, Ven H Oroshi; 6.30 Informal Service, Mr Kenneth Costa.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 HC; 11 S HC, The Bishop of Fulham.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.45 & 11 HC, Rev K Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11, 1.05 MM, Missa Brevis in F (Mozart), Preb J Gaskell; 5.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC, 11 M, Rev A Winter; 6.30 E, Rev T Parnell.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Benedictus (Stanford in B flat), Whitlock in G, O beatissima dove (Elgar), Rev H Stocker; 6.30 Choral E, Harwood in A flat, O thou the central orb (Wood), Rev W Boulton.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev J Vine.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish Communion; 6.30 E, Fr Michael Day.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC, 11 S Euch, Merbecke, A, A Prayer of St Richard (White), Rev G D Watkins.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8 & 12 HC; 11 MP; 6.30 EP.

HOLY REDEEMER AND ST THOMAS MORE, Cheyne Row, SW3: 10, 11, 12.15, 6.30 LM.

ST JAMES', Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC; 11 MP, Rev Prebendary Bunker; 6.30 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 6.45 EP.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 M (Latin); 11 SM, Fr D Cloes.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 & 9.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev D Prior.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 & 12.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Rev S Watson; 6.30 E, Rev D Watson.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family HC; 11 S Euch (Merbecke), Rev T Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Mass in honorem B Dominici (Rubbra), Locus iste (Bruckner), Canon D Gray.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8, 12.30 & 7.30 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Greater love hath no man (Ireland), Ave verum (Elgar); 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Responsa (Byrd), Jubilate (Byrd), The Vicar; 2.45 Chinese Service HC, Rev Dr Joyce Bennett; 5 Choral E, Responses (Piccolo), Stanford in A, My beloved spake (Hadley); 6.30 ES, Rev J Pridmore.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8 & 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Rev F Gelli; 11.15 M, Rev T Curl; 6.30 E, The Vicar.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 & 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa Quand le peins (Lassus), Let thy merciful ears (Byrd), Esp son regis vivus (Palestrina), Fr Bell; 6.30 Solemn E & B.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 S Euch (Merbecke), Rev R McLaren; 6.30 Ministry of Healing, Rev Valerie Mason.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand, WC2: Services resume 1 September.

ST MATTHEW'S, Great Peter St, SW1: 8 LM; 10 Mass (Merbecke), 6.30 LM, Rev M Hayes.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 11 MP, Rev D C L Prior; 7 Informal ES & HC, Gill Brentford.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: Service resume on 8 September.

ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, SW7: 10.30 Family HC; 6.30 Informal Service.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Rev C Courtauld.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Fr D Tillyer.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa on sole sicken (Langlais), Prayer to Jesus (Bairstow), O Jesus, best Friend and Graver, Come, my way, my truth, my life (Gardner), 6 Solemn E & B, Fr Christopher Calvos.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 Sung M, Rev R Avent.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11, Rev J H Mcindoe; 6.30, Rev W A Calton.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev D Duncan; 12.15 HC; 6.30 Dr Peter Green.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11, Missa Iauda Sion (Palestrina), Nobo mortem peccatoris (Morley), Crux fidelis (King John of Portugal).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood, 10.45 LM.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Mass in h flat, Stanford, Alleluia, Dulcis (Palestrina), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3 V & B, Benedictus Dominus (Palestrina).

ST ETHELREDA'S, Ely Place, 11 Sung Mass, Missa Secunda Clarae (Tallis), Tu es Deus (Eberlin).

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 6.30 (Sat); 8.30, 10, 11.15 (Latin), 12.30, 6.30 LM.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allbeck.

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11 Mrs Adele Bird; 6 Mr Tom Wallace.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev P Hoar & 6.30 S.N.O.

KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9 HC, Wynne Lewis; 11 Celebration, Wynne Lewis; 2.30 Baptism, Lecture Albert; 6.30 Healing Service, Mitch Malcolm; 9 Late on Sunday.

KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11 & 6.30 Rev P Lovell.

REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbyterian/Congregational), Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 HC, Rev K Swaine; No evening services during August.

SALVATION ARMY, Regent Hall, Oxford St W1: 11 Major G Hunt; 6.30 Samantha Tinchmarsh.

ST ANDREW'S URC, Frognal Lane NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev R T England; 7 Boxg Mass, Mass for four voices (Monteverdi), Rev Dr B Wolmesberg.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Sir John Anson, civil servant, 61; Air Marshal Sir Peter Bairsto, 65; Mr Tony Bennett, singer, 65; Mr Steven Berkoff, actor, director and writer, 54; Lieutenant-General Sir Alexander Boswell, former Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Guernsey, 63; Sir Paul Bryan, former MP, 78; Mrs Elizabeth Chilver, former principal, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, 77; Mr Peter Easterby, racehorse trainer, 62; Mr Josh Gifford, racehorse trainer, 50; Baroness James of Holland Park, 71; Sir David A. Scott, diplomat, 72; Mr Martin Sheen, actor, 51; Miss Sue Slipman, director, National Council for One Parent Families, 42; Mr Jack Straw, MP, 45; Sir George Waller, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 80; the Right Rev Dr R.P. Wilson, former Bishop of Chichester, 86; Mr Terry Wogan, broadcaster, 53.

TOMORROW: Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Bayly, 77; Mr David Bedford, composer, 54; Mr Tony Bennett, singer, 65; Mr Steven Berkoff, actor, director and writer, 54; Lieutenant-General Sir Alexander Boswell, former Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Guernsey, 63; Sir Paul Bryan, former MP, 78; Mrs Elizabeth Chilver, former principal, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, 77; Mr Peter Easterby, racehorse trainer, 62; Mr Josh Gifford, racehorse trainer, 50; Baroness James of Holland Park, 71; Sir David A. Scott, diplomat, 72; Mr Martin Sheen, actor, 51; Miss Sue Slipman, director, National Council for One Parent Families, 42; Mr Jack Straw, MP, 45; Sir George Waller, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 80; the Right Rev Dr R.P. Wilson, former Bishop of Chichester, 86; Mr Terry Wogan, broadcaster, 53.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: James Wyatt, architect, Burton Constable, Staffs, 1746; Charles Stanhope, 3rd Earl Stanhope, politican and man of science, London, 1753; Sir Joseph Paxton, gardener and designer of the Crystal Palace, Milton Bryant, Beds, 1801; Stanley Baldwin, 1st Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, prime minister 1923, 1924-29, 1935-37, Lower Park, Bewdley, Worcs, 1867; Rupert Brooke, poet, Rugby, 1887.

DEATHS: James II of Scotland, reigned 1437-60, killed, Roxburgh Castle, 1460; Grinling Gibbons, wood carver, London, 1721; Sir Richard Arkwright, inventor, Cromford, Derbys, 1792.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: John Tradescant, gardener, Meopham, Kent, 1608; Edward Irving, founder of the Catholic Apostolic Church, Dumfries, 1792; Percy Bysshe Shelley, poet, Field Place, Horsham, Sussex, 1792; W.H. Hudson, writer and naturalist near Buenos Aires, 1841; Knut Hamsun, novelist and poet, Nobel laureate 1920, Lam, Norway, 1859; Sir Harry Lauder, music hall entertainer, Edinburgh, 1870.

DEATHS: Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester, killed at the battle of Evesham, 1265; William Cecil, Baron Burghley, statesman, London, 1598; John Bacon, sculptor, London, 1799.

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Royal runs: the Prince of Wales striking out during a visit to a cricket school at Arundel castle, Sussex, yesterday. He scored four not out

Archaeology

Handaxe find puts back date of earliest Greeks

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

HUMAN occupation of Greece may have begun half a million years ago: a Palaeolithic handaxe found in the bed of a long-vanished lake suggests that early ancestors of modern man first entered the Balkans during the Ice Age.

The handaxe, a general purpose tool of a type which first appeared in Africa over a million years ago, and apparently made by *Homo erectus*, is said by one of its finders, to be in completely fresh condition. Professor Curtis Runnels of Boston university, reports that the edges show no signs of use, suggesting that the tool was lost along the lakeshore soon after being made.

The discovery, at Kokkinopilos in the northwestern province of Epiros, came during a survey of Stone Age deposits originally discovered 30 years ago by the late Eric Higgs. Higgs had found a series of "red beds" containing Middle Palaeolithic tools dating back some 40,000 years: the new find comes from a layer 20 metres (65 feet) deeper.

Professor Tjeerd Van Andel of Cambridge university, who made the find with Professor Runnels, estimates that the deposit could have taken from 200,000 to 500,000 years to build up. The shape of the handaxe places it in the Middle Acheulean: it is 21 centimetres long and half that in width, with a slightly tapered point and an almost straight cutting edge defined by carefully struck flake scars.

Although what appeared to be a handaxe was found on the Metsovon Pass in central Greece nearly 30 years ago, the present find "is the first tool to be found in Greece that can be dated by its geological context and its typology to the Lower Palaeolithic", according to Professor James Wiseman of Boston university, the director of the Epiros survey.

"This is the most significant discovery for the early prehistory of Greece in 30 years. Similar areas of eroded Pleistocene sediments associated with Palaeolithic tools have now been located," he said.

Until now, the evidence for a human presence in Greece before about 50,000 years ago has been scarce: the famed human skull from Petralona in the Chalkidiki peninsula has been dated to probably no more than 250,000 years, although it was claimed to be three times that age.

The skull has been identified as an archaic variant of *Homo sapiens*. The Kokkinopilos discovery now suggests that an earlier species of hominid was present in Greece many tens of thousands of years before.

Church news

Appointments

The Rt Rev David Hope, Bishop of London, is to be Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal, succeeding the Rt Rev and Rt Hon Graham Leonard, retired.

The Rev William Booth is to be Sub-Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal, Deputy Clerk of the Closet, Sub-Almoner and a Domestic Chaplain to the Queen, succeeding the Rev Canon Anthony Caesar, retired.

The Rev Canon Anthony Caesar is to be an Extra Chaplain to the Queen.

Clergy appointments

Next Archdeacon of Chichester

The Rev Canon John Brotherton, Vicar St Mary, Portsea (Portsmouth): to be Archdeacon of Chichester (Chichester), succeeding the Ven. Keith Hobbs who is retiring on 15 November.

The Rev David Ainge, Team Rector, Becontree South Team Ministry; to be Vicar, Leyton, St Mary w St Edward (Chelmsford). The Rev Bryan Armitage, Chaplain to Queen Ethelburga's School, Harrogate (Ripon): to be Vicar, Weaverthorpe w Helperthorpe, Luttons Ambo and Kirby Grindalythe (York).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

SCHIAVONE

(c) A 17th-century basket-hilted broadsword used by the Doge's bodyguard of Slavs, from the Italian *Schiavoni* Slavs: "I have no relish to be herded across the Bridge of Sighs into oblivion at the prick of a schiavone."

TEMSE

(b) A sieve, especially one used for bolting meal, from the Old English *temesian*: "There was little flour available cheaply 50 years ago. When cottagers wanted flour, they would temse some rough meal."

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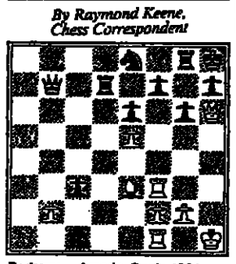
(c) A corporal in the Indian infantry, formerly a governor or leader, from the Hindi *nayak* a leader: "A troop of native cavalry on the present establishment consists of 1 European subaltern, 4 naiks, and 68 privates."

PLEDGET

(c) A small compress of lint or cotton for applying to a wound, perhaps from the Latin *plaga* a wound: "He drew a pledget of linen right through the wound."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

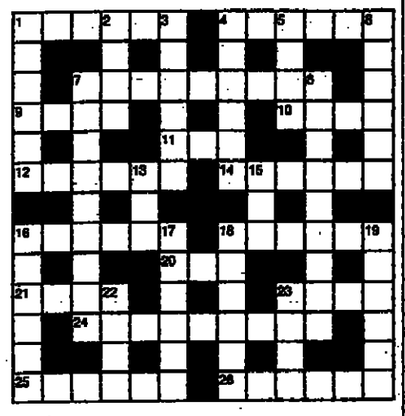


Pedrony — Amado, Spain 1981. White has a powerful kingside attack, and his next move ended the game. What did he play?

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Solution (July 27): 1 Rh8+. The winners are: W. Laurie, Enfield; R.H. Turlington, Hartley Wintney; J. Franks, Ruislip.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 2551



ACROSS
1 Gun barrel front (6)
4 Wall point (6)
7 Between ourselves (5,4)
9 Nap (4)
10 Shift (4)
11 Peaks ridge pass (3)
12 Riches (6)
14 Prepared text (6)
16 Careless (6)
18 Radio pager (6)
20 Bullfight shout (3)
21 Rock grains (4)
23 Oh woe (4)
24 Unknown quality (4,5)
25 Scoundrel (6)
26 Scraped (6)

DOWN
1 Grassland (6)
2 District (4)
3 Embellish (6)
4 Solitary (6)
5 Friend (4)
6 Fine strand (6)
7 US "traitor" poet (4,5)
8 90 deg S latitude (5,4)
13 Rubbish dump (3)
15 Owing (3)
16 Num (6)
17 Full length ball (6)
18 Be a part (6)
19 Hurried (6)
22 Silly (4)
23 Largest continent (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 2550

ACROSS: 1 Vulcan 4 Petrel 9 Zhivago 10 Allow 11 Part 12 Obstacle 14 Combine forces 16 Enormous 18 Warn 20 Overt 21 Classic 23 Theirs 24 Closed

DOWN: 1 Viz 2 Leitrim 3 Away 5 Enaction 6 Relic 7 Low season 8 Double Dutch 11 Packed out 13 Film star 15 Classes 17 Obese 19 Saul 22 Cud

How great you are. Sovereign Lord! There is none like you: we have always known that you alone are God.
2 Samuel 7:22 GNB

BIRTHS

ABRAHAM - On August 2nd, to Sabine (née Clausen) and Alan, a daughter.

BARTLEET - On July 29th, to Janet (née Gordon) and Robin, a son, Laurence Peter Edmund.

BROOKS - On July 29th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Kim (née Ferrari) and John, a son, Adam James, a brother for John William.

GODDEN - On July 26th, to Dagmar (née Ur) and Daryl, a son, Peter Richard Philip.

HANSON - On July 27th, at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Marianne and Richard, a daughter, Lorraine Helen Pamela.

JEFFRIES - On July 31st, to Lee and Tony, a son, Stephen Robert, a brother for David.

LUKE - On July 31st, to Shauna and Robert, a daughter, Holly, a sister for James.

SMITH - On August 1st, to Susie (née Despreze) and Christopher, a daughter, Lucy Charlotte Susanna, a sister for Robert.

MARRIAGES

ELLIS:FOLEY - On July 26th in Dundee, Jocelyn, son of Mr John Ellis & Mrs Hazel Ellis, both of Bristol and Geraldine, daughter of Mr & Mrs Brendan Foley, of Caragh Lake, Killorglin, Co. Kerry, Eire.

DEATHS

BRUDGER - On July 30th 1991, peacefully at home after a long illness, Thomas Bridger, of Logie Coldstone, Aberdeenshire, very dearly loved husband of Sue, much loved father of Nigel and Elizabeth and daughter-in-law Alison. Funeral Service on Monday August 5th at 11.30 am in St Thomas's Church, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire. Flowers or donations in lieu if desired to Aboyne Hospital Dayroom Appeal may be sent to Macintosh & Steven, Funeral Directors, Bridge Street, Banchory. 0330 02 2299.

BRIDGEMAN - On August 2nd 1991, peacefully at Littlebourne House, Kent, Marjorie Susan (née Stuart-Wortley), loved wife of the late Roger Bridgeman, mother of the late Dick Bridgeman and beloved grandmother of Celestine, Orlando and Constantine. Funeral on Saturday August 10th at 10.30 am at Blymhill, Weston-under-Lizard. Donations, if wished, to R.S.P.B.

CHAPMAN - On July 30th, peacefully at Frayhurst Nursing Home, Printed, Dorothy (née Rowlerson), aged 92, loved and wonderful wife of John, loved by all her family, David, Jennifer and Brian, Simon, James, Tim, Louise and Toby and her many friends. Service at Holy Trinity, Bosham, at 2pm on Friday August 9th, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Help the Aged c/o Edward White, 5 South Pallant, Chichester.

CLARKSON - On July 30th, Eileen Patricia Clarkson, dearly loved and missed by her sister Freda, and by Basil, Jo and Nick. Funeral private. No flowers, but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

EBTWISTLE - On August 1st, suddenly at home, Winifred Mabel, aged 73, dearly loved wife of Tom, mother of Peter and Sarah, mother-in-law of Marilyn and Peter and grandmother of Rachel and Louise. Cremation at Eastbourne on Monday August 12th at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to Hulse & Son, 19 South St., Eastbourne, BN21 4UJ.

KING-HAMILTON - On July 31st 1991, peacefully in her sleep at the end of a long illness, borne with the greatest courage and limitless patience, Rosalind, in her 86th year and for 66 years the much beloved and very loving wife of Alan, devoted mother of Mary and Jane and mother-in-law of Malcolm and adoring grandmother of Caroline and Emma. Funeral Service for the immediate family has already taken place. A Memorial Service will be announced later.

JENNER - On August 1st, peacefully at home in Lewes, after a very long illness borne with great fortitude, courage and never failing sense of humour, Jeannette (Jessie) Pamela (née Hasslacup), adored wife of Anthony, beloved mother of Mandy and Miles and his wife Sally and devoted grandmother of Edmund and Amelia. A very lovely and gallant lady. Funeral Service at St Thomas à Becket Church, Cliffe, Lewes, 11.30 am Friday August 9th. Flowers to Bennett Funeral Services, Lewes. All donations, if desired, to The Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey.

MAGNUS - On Friday August 2nd, peacefully after a short illness, Norbert, in his 86th year. Devoted and much loved husband of the late Greta. His very many friends will miss him greatly. Funeral, Willesden Jewish Cemetery, Beaconsfield Road, Sunday August 4th at 11 am.

McGILDOWNY - Vera Eileen, only daughter of the late Brigadier General and Mrs H. Pelham Burn. Funeral private.

MONCKTON - On July 30th, peacefully at The Ranyard Memorial Nursing Home, SE13, Kathleen Mollie (née Brandon-Trye), aged 88. Widow of Charles Henry Monckton. Funeral at Eltham Crematorium, SE9, at 1.45 pm on Thursday August 8th. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to The Ranyard Home.

NEWCOMB - On July 27th, in her 71st year, Helen Margaret (née Stewart), of East Grinstead, West Sussex, formerly of Radlett, Herts. Dearly loved wife of the late Everett Jackson (Bob) Newcomb, loving sister of Ken, Jean Sarjeant and the late Jack and Charlton. Funeral Service at 2 pm on Wednesday August 7th at St John the Baptist Church, Aldenham, Herts. Flowers, if desired, to King and Hooper Funerals, 69 Victoria Road, Horley RH6 7QH, tel: (0293) 784998.

MONRO - On August 1st, peacefully at West Mersea Nursing Home, Kathlyn Beatrice (née Doig), aged 88, dearly loved granny to Philip, Alan, Charles, Penny, Richard, Kim and Michelle. Funeral at Weeley Crematorium, near Clacton-on-Sea, 11 am August 9th. Enquiries to (0255) 424675. bouquets only please.

NOBLE - On August 1st, at her home in Hartlip, Molly Edith (née Walker), in her 79th year. Funeral Service to be held in Hartlip Parish Church, on Wednesday August 7th at 11am, followed by interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign c/o R. High and Sons Ltd, 1 Bayford Road, Sittingbourne Kent, tel: (0795) 472988.

RAWSON - On July 31st 1991, at Gatehouse of Fleet, Castle Douglas, Mary Elizabeth, aged 96 years, of Pearlynedreath, Wales, widow of Dr. Hugh Rawson. Funeral on Wednesday August 7th at Maentwrog. Family flowers only, donations towards The British Legion (local branch), c/o Gwyn Williams Funeral Directors, Harlech, tel: (0766) 780406.

ROSE - On Wednesday July 31st 1991, peacefully in hospital in the Isle of Man, John William. Enquiries please to Kingswood Funeral Home, tel: (0624) 661611.

ROYDEN - On June 19th 1991, in Orlando, Florida, Thomas Jerome, born October 16th 1913, younger son of Sir Ernest and Lady Royden of Hillbark, Frankby, Cheshire. Educated Magdalen College, Oxford and University of Vienna. President of Cunard of Canada 1946-50. President Punch Edye and Co. Limited of New York 1950 until retiring in late 60's. Survived by his wife Lynn A. Royden of Longewood, Florida; four children, Ernest J. Royden of Toronto, Anne E.M. Gerken of Bolton, Ma., Thomas and Alexa Royden of Longewood, Florida and three grandchildren, Heather and Stefanie Gerken and Catherine Royden. The family requested donations to The Seamen's Church Fund, c/o Sun Bank, P.O. Box 3838, Orlando, Florida, in lieu of flowers.

VARLEY - On July 30th, Jennett Elizabeth (Jenny), dearly loved mother of Julia and Wendy. Grandmother of Suzanne, Carey, Charles and Serena. Great-grandmother of Morweena. Private family funeral.

WICKENDEN - On July 30th, Thomas Douglas, C.I.E., late Indian Civil Service (Judicial) and Ministry of Town and Country Planning, White Hall, quietly at home, aged 88, having been fully active to the end. He will be sadly missed by his wife Gio (Sally), his son, daughter, son and daughter-in-law, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. The funeral service will be at Barham Crematorium, Barham, Kent, on Wednesday August 7th at 2.30 pm. Flowers please, family members and close friends.

WILSON - On August 1st 1991, at the Sacred Heart Hospice, Sydney, Australia, after a long illness, Charles Henry, O.B.E., F.B.A., Order of the Orange & Nassau, Emeritus Professor of History, Jesus College, Cambridge. He will be sadly missed by his many friends all over the world. He is survived by his daughter Elizabeth.

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AMANDEEP BETA

Lots of love from Wade Daddy and Mummy, Mama, Papa, Navdeep, Natasha, Arjun, Bhua, Jeej and Sunny Chacha.

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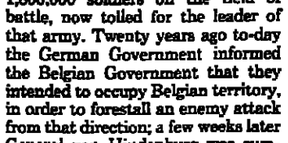
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AUGUST 3 — ON THIS DAY — 1934



Hindenburg's death brought absolute power to Hitler who amply fulfilled Lord Acton's dictum. Our correspondent now and Norman Ebbutt (1894-1968) whose outspoken dispatches on Nazi policy and methods resulted in his expulsion in 1937.

HINDENBURG DEAD
HERR HITLER TO SUCCEED

From Our Own Correspondent
BERLIN, AUG. 2

President von Hindenburg died at 9 o'clock this morning.

Barely an hour later the Government promulgated a Bill uniting the offices of Reich President and Reich Chancellor in the person of Herr Hitler, as from the moment of President von Hindenburg's death. Herr Hitler becomes in effect Reichsführer — Leader of the Reich — with more power over 66,000,000 Germans than the Hohenzollern emperors, Bismarck, President von Hindenburg, or any other man before him. The Defence Minister, General von Blomberg, in virtue of this Bill, ordered the members of the armed forces immediately to take the oath of loyalty "to the Leader of the German Reich and people."

Throughout the country the church bells, ordered by the Reich Primate to toll in honour of the great German army which marched forth 20 years ago to-day, and left 1,800,000 soldiers on the field of battle, now tolled for the leader of that army. Twenty years ago to-day the German Government informed the Belgian Government that they intended to occupy Belgian territory, in order to forestall an enemy attack from that direction; a few weeks later General von Hindenburg was summoned by telegram from retirement to repulse the Russian attack in the East, and briefly replied: "Am ready." From that day to this, with rare intervals, he had been the embodiment of all German hopes — first of victory, then of recovery ...

To-night the dead President lay in state at Neudeck, a guard of officers mounted at his bier. His features were peacefully composed, his hands folded as he had himself placed them during his last night of life. The workpeople of the estate were allowed to file past the bier. A little before his death the President had read awhile in a book of proverbs, and had himself underlined this passage: "With the one hand he wielded the sword, with the other hand he laboured."

The order enjoins that after the administration of the oath of loyalty to the new Commander-in-Chief a cheer shall be called, to be followed by the two national anthems ("Deutschland über Alles" and the Horst Wessel Lied, the Storm Troop marching song). With the swearing in of the Army Herr Hitler plants his standard on the last stronghold of the State.

The first German with whom your Correspondent spoke this morning — a stranger — on being told of the President's death, without any invitation to express an opinion said

Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

Gym'll fix it for the boss

THE government is urging farmers to diversify. This means it wants us to do anything we can think of with our land, except grow food. Any scheme must generate income for the farmer, cause no public nuisance and have *an element of friendliness towards* the environment. If, at the same time, it covers the government's embarrassment at having allowed agriculture to slide from a noble calling to little more than a rural nuisance, so much the better. May I now unveil my plans, which I trust the ministry will applaud?

I hear that the smart thing for executives to own these days is a *personal trainer. These female* trainers dazzle from hair to toe; they are as bursting with fitness and energy as our sow Alice is stuffed with pigswill. They leap and bound into the humdrum lives of executives, leaving behind them a trail of sweat, sprain and stretched stomachs. I may not have the glamour (or the leotard) that normally goes with the job, but as *I was wandering* the farm the other day I realised that we have more to offer than any of them. So I think I shall turn the farm into a health resort for harassed executives who need to get away from their desks. Or indeed, from their personal trainers. Of course, we'll need to smarten things up a bit. I thought we might build a reception desk in fake teak, just like the real health clubs. I might knock up a little shed for it out of some old railway sleepers. The spot I have in mind is where the, er, *liquids* drain from the cattle yard, but if I put the receptionist in wellies it shouldn't be too uncomfortable. Anyway, I shall need a hardy lass. I am rather *hoping to recruit a retired air* hostess, because I feel only she would be able to cope with the moment when, after signing in, our clients are issued with lengths *of string and advised to tie them* around the bottoms of trousers at all times. (Our rats are unused to the odour of Bond Street talc, and may prove curious.)



This lass will also have to break the news to clients about their personal programme. "Good morning, Sir Ralph: you're on sheep-dagging today, aren't you?" Or, "Sir James, you'll find 20 piglets in the sty. Yes, some of them are quite big. You'll be doing ear-notching this morning."

Naturally, we must develop a graded fitness schedule. Upper abdominal development is fostered by an exercise in which you stack bales of straw until you *collapse exhausted, only to have* an escaped cow knock them all down again. We play this game often. Then there is the primal therapy of thistle-murdering. I can just hear those squeaky-bright, disingenuous tones echoing round the farm — "One . . . two . . . three . . . HUP! And HUP! And swing that hoe!"

For wrist muscles there is an *exercise involving the blocked* farmyard drain. For this one we lie down . . . and reach . . . and grab . . . and pull . . . and throw . . . and reach and grab . . . "Pull harder, Mr Leigh-Pemberton! We want it all out!" Then there's the mangel-wurzel harvest, where we bend and grab, and *slice* and throw, lifting the mucky roots from the slimy soil, skimming the tops with a knife to fling them into the cart. We aim to lift five tons an hour. Arnold Schwarzenegger would hardly get through the first ten minutes.

Of course, it would be wrong merely to exercise the body and not build character. So I am developing a mental stimulation game. This involves entering a field of sheep, whereon I announce that one in particular looks as though it has a headache, and ask our guests to catch it. Any swearing will result in the withdrawal of privileges, such as food. If they get too good at it I shall give them Flash, the sheepdog, to help, having first ensured that he is in a filthy temper.

Then there's the game called "Load the pig into the trailer". A good one, this, for over-bossy executives who think they can get their own way by throwing their *weight around. If anything gets* flung around when the pig decides the trailer is unappealing it is the student. "Oh, sir, are we upside down in that trough again?"

If all this sounds demanding, it is. Executives say of their personal training sessions that it is the first 30 seconds that are the worst. Of the programme I have in mind, fellow farmers tell me it's the first 30 years.

The travelling man's manse

Home from home: Sandy Cairns



The Reverend Sandy Cairns, an enthusiastic gardener, outside his Cotswolds house: "I try to spend a decent chunk of August here," he says

The Reverend Sandy Cairns is the associate minister of St Columba's, the larger of London's two Churches of Scotland. His parish extends over the whole of the southeast, and a typical Sunday congregation numbers "a good 400, with hordes coming from the home counties". He is also the clerk to the Presbytery of England, whose "diocese" is all England, and he is a member of the Central Committee, which means travelling to Edinburgh once a month. The minister's rounds, for Mr Cairns, require all the stamina of a sales rep, even though he travels for heaven's sake, not mammon's.

When time is on his side he retires to a Cotswold village of about 200 souls, between Burford and Bourton-on-the-Water. He has the smaller half of a 17th century stone house, which has walls two feet thick under a Stonesfield slate roof, and hollyhocks and lavender by the front door.

"I really owe the fact that I have *this house to Lord Denning and The Times*," he says. "In July 1982, while I was on my way to visit someone in Westminster Hospital, I passed an upmarket estate agent with the usual array of Belgravia properties at ludicrous prices in the window. Stuck in the middle, looking distinctly odd, was a photograph of this place. Out of sheer curiosity I went in and got the particulars."

He would, he says, have done nothing further about it, had a guiding hand not ensured that he was too early for his visit and prompted him to buy a cup of tea and a copy of *The Times*. "I was halfway through the Law Report when I realised that the defendant's grazing rights, which Lord Denning was upholding in his judgment, were once those of this very house." Three months later, Mr Cairns had acquired the house, "and, for all I know, the grazing *rights, too*".

Certainly the grazing rights do not pertain to Mr Cairns's garden. Only 24ft square, it occupies a space bounded by the L-shape of *the house.* "Originally I was going to restrict planting to what was used when the house was built, which, according to Pevsner, was some time before 1670. I gave up *in the end, not least because of the* temptations of Sherborne's Nurseries in the Windrush Valley."

An Acer *palmatum* "Bloodgood" in the centre makes a focus *for the other plants with its* strength of colour and delicate leaf. The yellow bells of a Clematis *orientalis* "Bill Mackenzie" overhang the front door, waiting for a *Hydrangea petiolaris* on the other side to catch up. Between the herbs are clumps of pale blue flax and silvery grey lambs' ears, and at the rear of the garden the old privy is hidden under Wisteria *sinensis* — "the well-known Wisteria privy '*obscuratum*' ", Mr Cairns says. *Plumb in the middle* of the front paving stands a 7ft-high bright yellow mullein, "a haven for caterpillars", who duly transfer to one of three buddleia on *becoming butterflies.*

"I tried for ages to raise mullein in one of the beds, but they never did well. Quite by chance it sowed itself in this spot and flourishes. *Someone is a better gardener than* me," he says.

The house is larger than its small, stone-mullioned, leaded-light windows suggest. A hand*some plain stone chimney piece in* the sitting-room now houses an American log-burning stove. The little Victorian bedroom fireplace in the dining-room was added *when the house was divided at the* turn of the century. There was no electricity in the house when Mr Cairns bought it; for a time he made do with an extension lead from the house next door. "The next stage was to install four sockets on the stairwell, trailing cables everywhere."

Low on his list of priorities, despite frequent guests, are kitchen improve*ments.* "Country cooking would be impossible without Marks & Spencer," he says.

Two bedrooms on the first floor, and two on the top floor, *contain mementoes of Scotland,* an east-coast spinning wheel, a beech wall-bed, its pilasters carved on one side only so that the other can be pushed up against a wall.

Although he was brought up in England, Mr Cairns's family came from Aberdeenshire. "My grandfather's farm now languishes beneath the runways of Aberdeen airport," he says. His father's family were papermakers from Penicuik, Lothian, who came south. "We weren't a religious family — and still aren't. I worked as a papermaker for six years before I found myself at St Andrews reading theology. I went *to St Columba's to train for the* ministry but I'm obviously a difficult case. After 14 years there, I think they've given up on the training," he jokes.

Mr Cairn's manse in London is a three-roomed flat in a South Kensington mansion block. "What were demerits of the village house for most people were pluses *for me: its tiny garden and* obscure access — through the next door neighbour's garden — only made it more secure and more manageable, given that I'm not *here much of the time.*

"I try to spend a decent chunk of August here and I get a week after Christmas and a week after Easter. I what makes all the difference, though, is the fact that the house is only 90 minutes from London, which means he can generally spend a day and a night in the house once a month. This tends to be midweek. "Sunday is a working day for me." But if he is there on a Sunday he attends the *service at the 12th century church* in the village, where he was invited to preach when he first arrived. "Not on your life," he said.

"Living here obviously be more *of a contrast to all the rush and* traffic in London. And you don't see the stars in London. Here the clarity of the sky at night, particularly in winter, is breathtaking." Also, he is ideally located for pursuing horticultural and architectural interests. "Hidcote village is close enough to go to in the evening, and it's good walking country."

There is no shop and no pub in his village, the nearest pub being a healthy two-mile tramp through the fields. "I know the pathway pretty well," he says.

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Country events

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **Cleveland walk:** Discover the bronze age burial mounds and other ancient moorland features. The walk lasts about two-and-a-half hours. *Meet at Margrove Heritage Centre, near Saltburn, South Cleveland, tomorrow for 6.30pm. Further information on 0287 610368.*

☐ **Birding at Bridlington:** The summer season of skua and shearwater cruises begins tomorrow. The trips, lasting three to four hours off Flamborough Head and around Bridlington Bay, also allow magnificent views of gannets, auks, gulls, terns and even porpoises. Excellent photographic material. *Tomorrow, 9am. Further information and booking on 0522 535596. If you are not successful, there are nine more cruises during August and September.*

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☐ **Hickstead showjumping:** The 1991 Silk Cut Derby has attracted a record foreign entry with 15 countries represented, plus leading British riders including David Broome, Nick Skelton and Joe Turi. Today, the speed derby and trophy; tomorrow the derby. *The All-England Jumping Course, Hickstead, Sussex (0273 834315). Today, tomorrow from 9am. Today £6, children £3. Tomorrow £8 and £3. Car park £2-£6.*

☐ **Pipes o' Stafford:** A highland gathering for the family: pipe band, competitions and stalls. *Milford, Shugborough, near Stafford (0889 881388). Today, tomorrow 10am-6pm.*

☐ **Ashby looks back:** Medieval pageantry with knights and their ladies, combat, dancing, and a small tournament. *The Castle, South Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire (0530 413 343). Tomorrow from 2pm. £2.50, children £1.*

☐ **Saintly Ripon:** Colourful, historic procession of floats to commemorate St Wilfred, patron saint of Ripon, assembles at 1.15pm and arrives at the market square from 2pm. *Ripon, North Yorks. Today.*

NEXT WEEK

☐ **Welsh wonder:** A family fun day with the National Trust at this beautifully located farm. *Blaenglyn Farm, Blaenglyn, Limbanus, Brecon, Powys (0874 625515). Thurs, 11.30am-4.30pm.*

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☐ **Stowmarket buzz:** Demonstrations of bee-keeping, honeycomb extraction and skep making, plus a honey show and displays of items made from beeswax. Expert advice available for anyone wishing to start a hive. *Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket, Suffolk (0449 612229). Today, tomorrow 11am-5pm.*

JUDY FROSHAUG

Shooting set's new pigeon

The latest gun game has the spectacle of the shoot but none of the blood

FOUR years ago Bruce Gauntlett woke up at 3am at his Wiltshire home with the outline of a new sport in his head. He wrote the details down on three sides of foolscap.

The day before had been bloody, *in more senses than* one. The group of guns who had visited his shoot on his estate near Marlborough in Wiltshire, had killed too many birds at close range and had not bothered to thank, let alone tip, his gamekeeper. "They didn't know how to behave," he recalls. "I thought people like them needed to be taught how to shoot properly."

Hence was born simulated game shooting. Mr Gauntlett's idea was to re-create the real thing, but for the killing. The "game" would be clay pigeons, *but a* day's sport would take place over classic game shooting countryside, organised in drives — normally two lots of three, separated by a fine lunch served in a period manor house, with tea later. Dress would be "as for the field" (tweed jackets, plus fours, *et al*) and every gun would have a loader.

'I thought people needed to be taught how to shoot properly'

Realising the vision meant access to a string of beautiful estates throughout Britain. Four criteria governed the selection process: the estates had to be undulating and well wooded, be graced with a period manor house, have round-the-year shooting rights and be owned by people who would play host on shoot days.

A few weeks ago I tested the reproduction courtesy of the Alternative Shooting Company which provides simulated game shoots for guns of all standards on 18 historic country estates in England, Scotland and Wales.

The setting was Chavenage manor near Tetbury, Gloucestershire, an estate which has remained unchanged, bar the installation of telephones and electricity, since the English civil war. It was a chill, wet day, but as the clays started arching noiselessly and with alarming altitude over the guns the weather was quickly forgotten. All too often, I found, my *targets* disintegrated only after hitting the ground, but the challenge of being confronted with up to 40 fast and high-flying targets each drive was *exhilarating.*

The workhorse behind the Alternative Shooting Company is a "super-trap" which hurls a clay pigeon 150 yards, about three times the distance of a standard trap. For the waiting guns, the target imitates the flight-path of driven pheasant or partridge. To make life yet more difficult, the trappers, concealed behind the brow of a hill or a line of trees, throw in the occasional "midi" or "mini" clay, the former 3ins across, the latter, 1½ins.

Mr Gauntlett was persuaded by friends that the sport might appeal to groups other than tyro game shooters: companies looking for new ways to entertain clients and experienced game shooters looking for pre-season practice.

Simulated game shooting is not cheap. A full day out, with morning coffee, lunch and tea, costs £239 a gun for a party of eight. But as its sponsors point out the figures look a lot better when compared with the cost of driven game shooting. On an "alternative day", eight guns would be presented with about 750 targets; if a similar number of pheasants were driven at them by beaters the bill would work out at more than £2,000 a gun.

● *For further details: The Alternative Shooting Company, Longfurlong House, Foss Cross, Chedworth, Gloucestershire GL54 4NP (0285 720488).*

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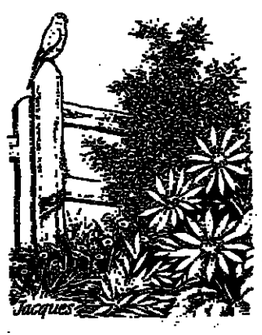
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Where lives bloom

Feather report



EVERYTHING is connected. To save nightjars you must save heathland plants and *heathland insects. That is how* an ecosystem, or a biosphere, works. If you succeed in saving one thing, you inevitably end up saving a lot of other things as well. Conservation can never be piecemeal.

That is why the campaign for the restoration and upkeep of flower meadows is good news for birds. The campaign is run by the Royal Society for Nature Conservation (RSNC), the umbrella body for all the county nature trusts.

The situation is summed up by the kestrels, which make so many appearances in this column. They hunt outside my window as I write, reminding me why I am writing. On the left of the window is a large area of improved grazing, to the right a small patch of railway cutting grassy scrub. The kestrels do 90 per cent of their hunting on the railway scrub.

I used to imagine that the blast of wind from passing cars and trains somehow helped kestrels capture their favourite food, the short-tailed vole. This was fantasy. The land beside motorways and railways is unimproved. That means it is not drained, the weeds have not been killed and it is unfertilised: linear meadows are full of different plants, insects and insect-eaters, and therefore much visited by predators. Obviously each of these things is connected.

But unimproved meadows — a wonderfully Orwellian term — are disappearing fast from British farms. These days, meadows are fertilised, often treated with selective herbicides, often drained, and instead of being hayed once a season, they are cropped three or four times a year for silage. These fields support very few insects. You do not find a cloud of butterflies on a silage crop: there are no flowers for them to be a cloud on.

The statistics show the usual dreary tale of loss. Species-rich flower meadows are disappearing at the rate of 10 per cent a year, outside Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

FLOWER meadows survive as protected areas. Many of these are managed by county nature trusts. Increasingly, the trend in the countryside is for this ghetto-isation of wildlife. The RSNC campaign is asking for lolly to maintain these protected sites, and also to campaign politically for a change is farming policy.

The long-term answer is not to ask farmers to stop being beastly, but to pay them for working their land in a method sympathetic to conservation. The countryside in one sense belongs to all of us: but we must pay for that privilege.

These unimproved grasslands bring us more than the eye-pleasing delights of summer flowers. These are also the places for hares, which cannot *raise young on grassland that* is cut three and four times during a breeding season.

FOR the same reason, nesting birds cannot survive in a field cropped for silage. Snipe, with their love of damp meadows, are dwindling fast. Stone curlew, elusive birds that like unimproved grazing grounds, are also in deep trouble. These birds are now mostly restricted to the East Anglian Breckland: weird nocturnal creatures that stalk the grassland in the dark for beetles and earthworms.

The most dramatic loss has been the corncrake. This bird, with its far-carrying "crex crex" call, was downright common at the begining of the century: now it is found only in the Hebrides and in western Ireland. There the bird clings on, aided by a number of *sympathetic farmers who cut* their fields at a time and by a method suggested by conservation bodies.

For there is goodwill for conservation in many places, and the voices of the conservationists must be heard above the clamour for short-term expediency. The flowers that bloom in the spring, tra-la, have *everything to do with the case.*

SIMON BARNES

● *For campaign details, and information about your local nature trust, contact RSNC, The Green, Witham Park, Waterside South, Lincoln LN5 7JR.*

● **What's about: Birders** — *check flocks of south-bound lapwing for rare plovers and pratincoles.* Twitchers — *Caspian tern commuting between Breydon Water and Hickling Broad, Norfolk. Three little egret at Porlock, Somerset. Details from Birdline 0898 700222.*

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Unseasonal weather need not stop play. **Heather Kirby** reports on the growing availability of indoor sports

Sport comes in out of the rain

Indoor sports of a more robust nature than darts and snooker are becoming increasingly popular, and the boom is not just thanks to our unpredictable summer weather. More time and money to spend on leisure, innovative ideas finding a market looking for new diversions, more social isolation, and corporate hospitality are among the reasons why rain no longer stops play.

Tennis, cricket, climbing and go-karting are some of the sports which have gone under cover. There is even indoor bowls. At Leamington, Warwickshire, where The English Women's Bowling Association began its national championships this week, a £1.2 million pavilion is being planned for Victoria Park, and arousing a certain amount of controversy. The building, if approved, will accommodate eight games at a time on green matting.

Although some entrepreneurs may have lost money in the past few years because they misread the armchair enthusiasm for Wimbledon as a burning desire to play tennis, the forecast for indoor courts is good. David Lloyd, the brother of John, the former England player, now has 12 indoor courts at three centres and is planning to build more.

According to Phil Sanderland, the director of facilities at the Lawn Tennis Association, there are about 450 indoor courts in the UK, an increase of 50 per cent over the past three years. "We estimate there are probably three million people playing tennis, although it is difficult to say how many of those are regular players," he says.

"The fastest growing area is in the public sector, where you have local authorities from Bodmin to Islington, Sunderland to Warrington, borrowing £200,000 and getting help from urban aid programmes or sponsorship to build indoor courts. We do not suggest they can recoup that debt but they can earn enough to pay for its upkeep. One of the big successes in this area is the interest that has been generated in coaching courses. We suspect 25 per cent of players now have been introduced to tennis through indoor courts."

An increasingly common sight are PVC balloon-like covers erected over club courts, where, after paying a yearly membership fee, you can usually play as often as you like without further charge. At a commercial indoor centre, players can pay a £250 joining fee, a similar amount in annual membership, then £10-£15 an hour for a game.

Compared to indoor tennis, a pitch fee of £32 for a 90-minute game of eight-a-side indoor cricket is a snip. A team membership for a 14-week season at one of the four centres owned by Indoor Cricket Stadiums (ICS) at Tottenham Ipswich, Peterborough and Wellingborough costs £41. After that there is only the equipment and bar prices to worry about.

Compared to indoor tennis, a 90-minute game of indoor cricket is a snip

Indoor cricketers — Mike Gatting plays for the premier league indoor champions at Aston Villa — do not need to wear whites or the heavy protective gear of professional cricketers. An indoor cricket ball, says Mark Brandon of ICS, is like a tennis ball wrapped in leather and is softer. The one used by women is softer still. Pads and helmets are unnecessary. Cotton mittens are worn for holding the willow bat, which is lighter than an outdoor bat.

Indoor bats and balls do not make the same satisfying sound you hear on village greens, but Mr Brandon insists the sport has other more rewarding characteristics which traditional cricket lacks. "It is in the high street; you don't have to go out into the sticks. And you don't have to keep yourself from getting bored waiting around for three hours, because everyone gets to bat and bowl."

Mr Brandon continues: "You can be extremely unfit and still play, he says, because you do not have to run to score: that is optional. How many runs are made depends on where the ball hits the side netting and whether it bounces first. For a national league side, anything over 100 runs is doing well, although our highest score is 290."

Indoor cricket came to Britain from Australia and New Zealand. Mr Brandon believes it has taken off in this country because, besides the rain, there are enough people who want to play but who work at weekends. There are also an increasing number of organisations who want company teams but who do not want to waste time or money on a wash-out.

Corporate interest, as well as the occasional staff outing, has transformed the go-kart business of two former Greater London council youth workers. With £1,300 each, they first took over an old transport museum and then two bus garages in Clapham and Battersea, south London, and established what is now an indoor racing centre with a £1.6 million turnover.

One of them, Martin Howell, says: "Go-karting always had a nasty, damp image, something one usually did at the seaside, so we decided to bring go-karting indoors. It costs £30 per head for a four-hour session, and we get every kind of company, from Japanese car manufacturers to West End advertising agencies, as well as individuals who just want to know what it feels like to race round a track."

The circuit, covering 40,000 square feet, can take six petrol-engined go-karts at a time, racing against each other at speeds of up to 40mph. It is all just like Brands Hatch, according to Mr Howell: champagne for the winner, a chequered flag and banks of red and white tyres for the unfortunate few who come a cropper. The corners are given names such as Parabolica, after a famous racing bend in Italy, or Diana's Drift, which may or not recall the driving skills of one of the centre's 50,000 customers.

Teams, often made up of a company and client it hopes to impress, must pre-book, wear crash helmets, driving gloves and tracksuits.

Go-karters, Mr Howell says, are the kind of people who never get a chance to go racing but get a buzz out of doing 0-60mph in three seconds, quicker than the average Porsche, which is what they generally drive around town.

One of the new indoor sports that has come on in leaps and bounds is wall climbing, according to Roger Payne, who is on the climbing wall committee of the British Mountaineering Council.

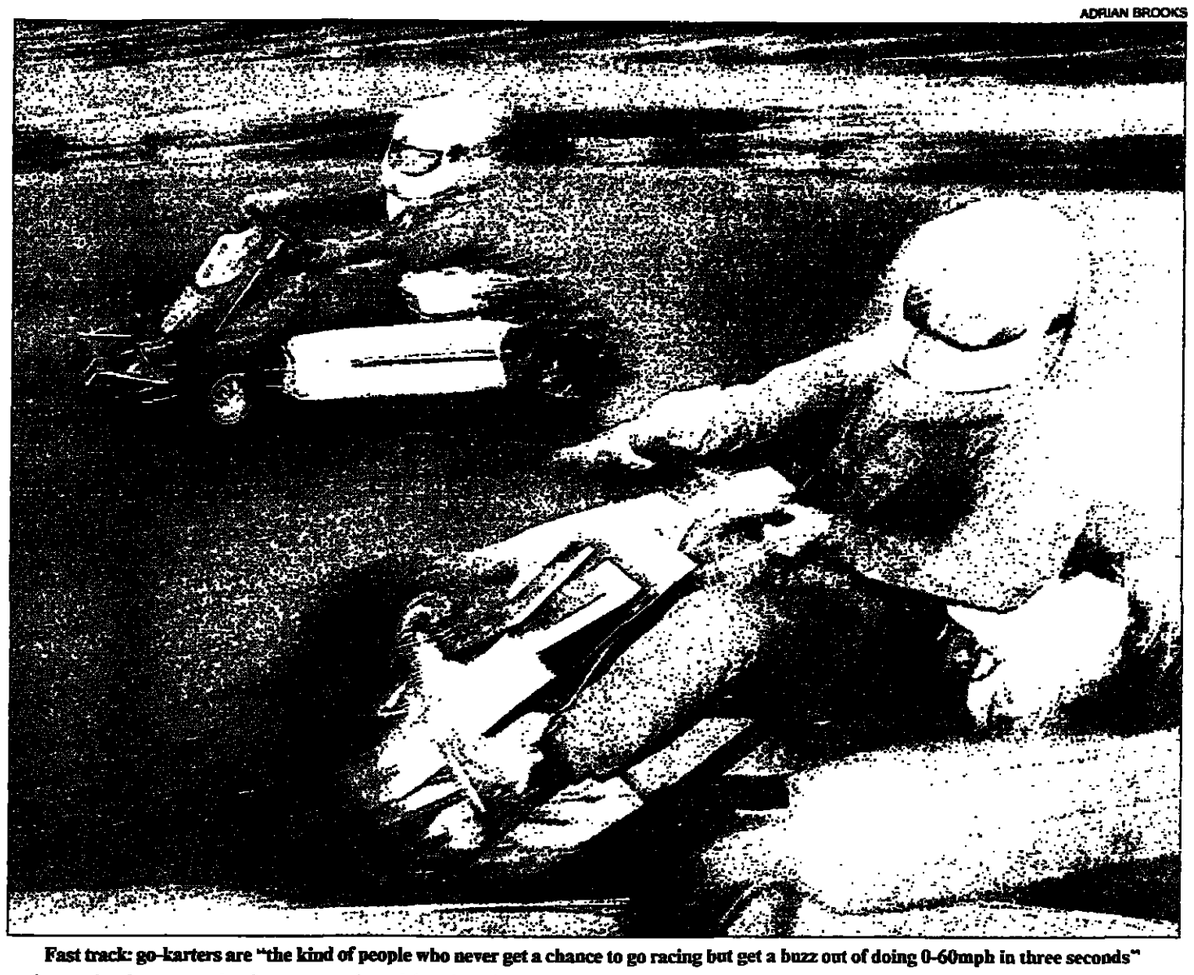
He says: "Walls used to be at the end of a gym and had nothing more adventurous than few boring bricks sticking out at intervals, which were not very challenging even to a complete novice. Now they are exciting and are becoming incredibly popular, especially in those parts of the country where hill walking and rock climbing are more familiar. We advise centres to charge the same as a pint of beer. At a new wall, installed at a cost of £85,000 in Newcastle, we expected 10,000 user visits in six months but that target was reached after nine weeks."

Climbing walls, made of glass fibre, or concrete mixes, are easy to maintain: all they need is a warm environment, 13C, to keep them in good order, and someone to sweep up the chalk climbers use to get a grip, plus a programme of modification with new foot and hand holes so there are enough changes to sustain interest.

Mr Payne, who met his New Zealand-born wife climbing in South America, thinks it is the perfect sport for social loners. "Lots of people get interested in wall climbing when they go to a leisure centre to play squash or badminton and find the wall intriguing enough to have a go. But one of the main reasons the sport is taking off is a social trend. There is a move away from team sports towards individual or small group activities. You don't get any anxiety or fear of failure which might come from the team game, and how many people these days know ten friends to make up a football team?"

● *Lawn Tennis Association, Queens Club, London W14 9EG (071-385 2366). Indoor Cricket Stadiums, 117 Bruce Grove, N17 6UR (081-801 4466). Playscape Pro Racing, 322 Mare Street, E8 1HA (081-986 7116). British Moutaineering Council, Crawford House, Precinct Centre, Booth Street East, Manchester M13 9RZ (061-273 5835).*

ADRIAN BROOKS



Fast track: go-karters are "the kind of people who never get a chance to go racing but get a buzz out of doing 0-60mph in three seconds"

Bargain-hunting off the beaten track

Factory outlets, selling everything from carpets to china, are a source of good buys all year round

Now that the high street summer sales are ending bargain-hunters can still find big savings at factory shops. These all-year-round outlets, often tucked away in side streets or located on industrial estates, are where manufacturers sell off frustrated exports, less-than-perfect products and ends of ranges at low prices.

Shoes, handbags, china, bed linen, lingerie, coats, toys, babywear, textiles, furniture, glass, carpets and woollens are among the items which may be reduced by as much as half.

As stock in factory shops varies from week to week, you can never be sure exactly what will be on sale. Nor is it likely that items will be repeated, so it is best to buy on the spot.

Many of the "seconds" are indistinguishable from best quality goods and it is possible to find items usually on sale at leading London stores.

Some people, such as Sue Brown, a London publishing assistant, make a habit of visiting factory shops. "Last year I bought a fully lined raincoat for £25, and later saw a similar one in in Marks & Spencer for twice the price," she says. "I also picked up a child's duvet cover for £5 and kitted out the whole family with shoes.

"You have to watch out for odd sizing but in most places you can try the clothes on and look in a mirror."

Northampton is the home of Crockett and Jones, which makes shoes for leading gentlemen's outfitters. In London, you can pay more than £100 for the company's shoes, but at its factory shop ends of lines and "slight seconds" cost from £25 to £49. The shop is open on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings (0604 31515).

Anyone who owns a Royal Crown Derby service knows how expensive it is to replace a chipped plate. Slight seconds are available at the factory shop, half a mile from Derby city centre, at a third below usual prices. At a sale, running until the end of the month, many items are half the best quality prices. The shop is open 9am-5.30pm, Monday-Saturday (0332 47051).



At Fareham, Hampshire, Grandford carpet mills is selling carpets at half the shop prices. They are available by the roll or cut to size. The shop opens daily (0329 289612).

The Courtaulds factory shop, a mile from Oldham, Lancashire, currently has a women's wear sale, and a wide range of household textiles, towels and bedding. Prices are 20 to 50 per cent less than perfect lines. The shop is open Monday-Friday, and on Saturday until 3pm (061-633 2201).

David Nieper, of Alfreton, Derbyshire, sells discontinued lines and slight seconds of designer lingerie at half shop prices. The shop is open 9.30am-4pm Monday-Friday, and Saturday morning (0773 833335).

At the Dartington crystal factory in Torrington, Devon, there are two shops, one selling slightly imperfect glassware at two-thirds of the perfect price, and a bargain basement where items cost a third of shop prices. The factory shop opens daily, including Sundays (0805 22321).

If you need a suitcase to carry your bargains home, the Antler factory shop in Bury, Lancashire, has seconds and discontinued lines with good savings on shop prices. The shop opens 11am-3pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and 9am-11.30am on Saturdays (061-764 5241).

Gillian Cuttress, a factory shop devotee, has written and published a series of ten guides covering outlets all round the country. Each guide lists the location, how to reach the shop by car and public transport, opening times, typical items on sale, whether credit cards are accepted and other useful details.

The guides are available from her at 34 Park Hill, London SW4 9PB (071-622 3722), priced as follows: Staffordshire £3.50, Yorkshire and Humberside £3.50, Northern England £2.99, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire £2.95, northwest England £3.50, Scotland £3.50, East Anglia and southeast England £3.95, South Wales and the southwest £3.95, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire £3.50 (new version in September), West Midlands £3.50 (new version in October). Please add 50p p&p for one guide and 30p for each additional guide up to £1.80 p&p for the whole series.

NICOLE SWENGLEY

Events in town

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **Eastbourne extravaganza:** Maritime Sunday offers family fun with sandcastle competitions, dinghy rides, Punch and Judy and magic shows, long-distance swimming races, and a lifeboat air/sea rescue demonstration. *The seafront and beach between the bandstand and Wishtower. Tomorrow.*

☐ **London's classic cars:** More than 300 rare cars, club displays and arena events, a national concours competition. American, commercial and military vehicles, craft and trade marquees. *Alexandra Palace and Park, N22 (081-365 2121). Tomorrow 9.30am-5pm. £3.50, children £1.50.*

☐ **Summer in the City:** The festival, suitable for two to ten-year-olds, starts tomorrow with actors from the RSC, games, clowns, free shows, face painting. Thereafter activities include workshops on circus skills, theatre and mime, collage and mask-making, drama and keyboard instruments. *Barbican Centre, EC2. Tomorrow-Aug 10. Further information on 071-638 4141. Workshops and films bookable on 071-638 8899.*

NEXT WEEK

☐ **Cambridge cheer:** Camra beer festival; sample real ales, ciders and perrys. *The Corn Exchange, (0223 357851). Tues-Sat.*

☐ **Musical London:** Young musicians of the Matrix Ensemble play Mozart, plus wind serenades. *Cubitt Steps, Canary Wharf, Isle of Dogs, E14. Tues, 12.45pm. Free. Further information on 071-418 2418.*

JUDY FROSHAUG

Treasures in the trunk

Organisers hope that London's first fine art car boot sale, which takes place today, will not be the last. So do some dealers, and the artists themselves cannot wait

CAR boot sales have developed into circulating libraries for Britain's unwanted gifts: flocks of winsome macramé owls and scores of sagging plant-holders change hands every weekend on waste-ground from Hackney Wick to Looe.

But today, a car park in the centre of a busy east London industrial estate becomes the scene for the capital's first truly alternative art fair.

The Great Fine Art Car Boot Sale, organised by Atlantis Docklands Art Warehouse, is an innovative and unorthodox response to a serious decline in the "official" art market. In the face of sluggish sales on Cork Street, the prospect of an alternative way to deal in art has generated considerable enthusiasm.

"It's a combination of kitsch and culture," says Elaine Kowalsky, the events organiser for Atlantis. "Buyers will have fun bargaining — and hope to find a contemporary masterpiece."

One of the painters, Vanilla Beer, has a more urgent reason for taking her work to the sale. "I'm going because I'm broke," she says. "I need to eat, and I thought clearing out some work would help solve my storage problems."

Ms Beer, whose work has been shown in West End galleries and at the Olympia Art Fair, is not wholly pessimistic about the artist's lot. She predicts that the day will be "a great opportunity for collectors to buy. I think that it will be a good laugh, too. We're bringing along plenty of wine as well as our work."

Although most of the traders will be individual artists hoping to sell their own pieces, a few galleries are also planning to trade on wheels for the day. "It's been such a quiet year," says Karyn White, a partner in the Intaglio Printmakers Gallery. "We showed at Olympia earlier this year and we're curious to try a smaller, more low-key event. I think this is a good chance to show and sell work."

ONE of the most attractive aspects of the direct sales that can be made at an event such as this is the lack of a gallery commission fee, so artists can sell directly to the public at prices well below those charged by dealers.

Jonathan Blond, of Blond Fine Art, who will be at the sale, welcomes the relaxation of the usual rules. "There has always been a tendency among galleries to fight shy of anything that smacks of a sale or a reduction. It just isn't done. I think this is a great idea."

There will be an eclectic and unpredictable range of work on sale. Blond will be selling oceanic tribal carvings and artefacts, including spears and paddles, priced from £40 to £750. Ms Beer is planning to show a variety of pieces, priced from £10 to £60. "I'm bringing small oils, etchings, water colours and woodblocks," she says. "Basically anything that will fit in the back of a car."

Pieces by members of the Print Makers Council will also be very affordable, with prices ranging from £30 to £100.

HARLAND Walshaw, a member of the council, says: "We generally prefer to show our prints in informal settings like theatre foyers. The car boot sale suits us very well. We hope that the prints will appeal to people who might not normally think about buying art."

Brian Campbell, a picture-framer, will be bringing along pieces by four of the artists with whom he works regularly, including printmaker Phyllis Mahon and photographer Bruce Rae. "I'm not taking any commission," he says. "I'm doing it for a bit of fun. I like the idea better than the usual sort of art fair, where it's very expensive to take a stall. I hope this could develop into a regular part of the London art scene."

SUE MOORE

● *Atlantis Great Art Car Boot Sale, Atlantis Docklands Art Warehouse, 2 St Andrews Way, London E3 (071 537 2525); 11am — 5pm; £15 charge per car trading; 50p admission for buyers.*



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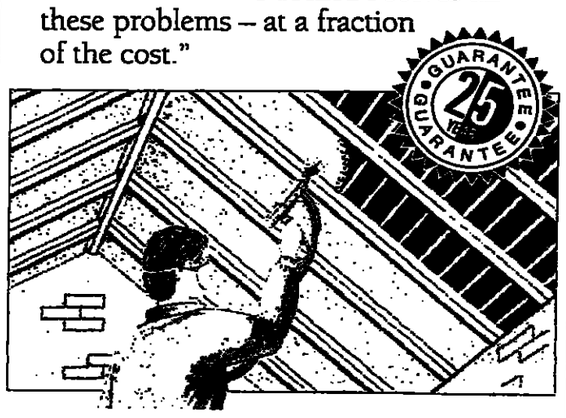
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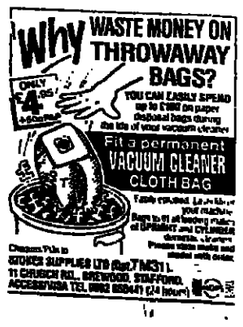
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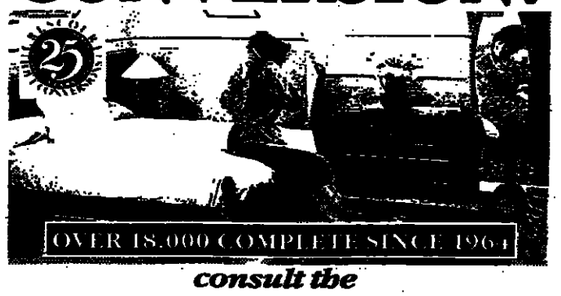
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Introduction to a good buy

What's the secret of bargain-hunting? Huon Mallalieu tours this weekend's NEC August Fair in search of the answer



JOEL CHANT

Setting-up day at the NEC August Fair in Birmingham: the diversity of dealers and offerings makes the event a happy hunting ground for those in search of bargains this weekend

If you happened to want a set of punishment stocks in good working order, £800 might or might not be a bargain. Bargains, after all, are relative. Both a 50p item which should be £5 and a £5 million purchase which can be re-sold for £28 million are bargains. Furthermore, what may be a bargain in my eyes, may be a quite ludicrously extravagant folly in yours.

An old truism of the antiques trade is that there is a bargain — relatively — in every shop or sale. So, foolishly perhaps, I asked the stand-holder at the National Exhibition Centre August Fair in Birmingham if the stocks she was offering were a bargain. And if, indeed, she had *any* bargains.

"If I knew of any bargains on my stand here, or in my shop, they would not be bargains, or I would not be in business," she said. "Naturally I think some things are undervalued, but they would be whatever the state of the market. It's a matter of taste or lack of it.

"These punishment stocks came out of the crypt of a village church and are 19th century. Presumably they were just brought out when needed. We've put about £800 on them, but there's no way of telling really."

Given the inconsistent way in which the recession is affecting the art and antiques trade, the NEC fair, which brings together about 500 dealers with different strengths, skills and specialities, and from as far afield as Cornwall and Suffolk, Hampshire and Perthshire, seems an excellent place to look for bargains.

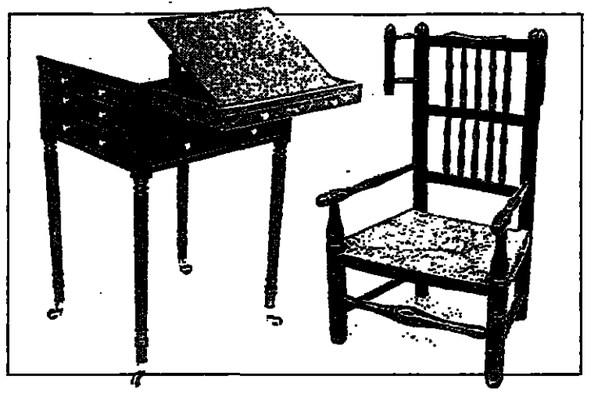
The geographical diversity alone should ensure considerable variety in the pricing of similar items. After all, what can sell well in Glasgow, or Leeds, will not necessarily be easy to move in Curry Rivel or Pimlico. This was borne out on setting-up day by the amount of business which the stand-holders were doing with each other.

Even in Yorkshire and the north of England, where the recession has been felt very much less than in the southeast, the dealers constantly complain about the difficulty of getting their hands on high quality stock. There is money about, they say, but it is not being spent on the staple antiques, such as the run-of-the-mill "brown" furniture, unless owners are trading up, which leaves the less saleable items on the dealers' hands. Also, collectors are holding on to their choicer items, rather than sending them to auction, out of a prudent wish not to be at the mercy of further economic vagaries, or electoral uncertainties.

However, antique dealers and farmers have more in common than a professional pessimism and a taste for Volvo estates; when times are poor they can live from their own granaries, which for the dealers means selling off some of their own collections.

The organisers of the NEC fair say that many exhibitors have been digging into what some refer to as their "pension funds" for quality items, and that in some cases this has brought splendid things on to the market for the first time in many years.

In terms of both size and quality, the NEC fair falls between the vast open-air fairs held at the Newark showground in Nottinghamshire and the June Olympia fair in London, and, in fact, many Birmingham participants are drawn from one or other of them. The hall is divided into two sections: one with spacious stands and the air of a prestige event, the other making a conscious effort to capture some of the raffishness of the outdoor market.



Bargains? Georgian mahogany worktable (£2,200), a rare 18th/19th century child's chair (£750) and an 1830s banjo barometer (£475)

Because there is so much on offer, a bargain-hunter would be advised to concentrate on just a few areas. Among those that I noticed as undervalued were decanters, where £300 or less could secure something very good, such as a beautiful, heavy Regency example by Apsley Pellatt at £275 or several good miniatures at £65 or so each. Large, early 19th century round-footed rummers ranged between £30 and £50, a little less than in London shops, and I saw some very cheap late 19th century tumblers.

More unusual were two 18th century glasses, one dated about 1760, which had a small bowl for spirits if held one way up and a larger one for wine when upended, and the second an impressive King's Lynn tumbler of about 1720. Lynn glasses, which are ribbed — if they were made of pottery they would be termed "coiled" — are rare, and this example was unusually large. To a specialist these might well have been bargains at £285 and £550 respectively.

Another area to look at was linen and lace christening robes and infant clothes, where examples dating from about 1900 were often only £20. A further childish relic, which was certainly underpriced, was a Tri-ang pedal tractor, with a wood and metal flat haywaggon trailer, made in the Twenties and costing £390.

At the same price I saw a very competent English School (circa 1790) portrait of a middle-aged sitter identified as Henry Compton, a page to George III.

Furniture dealers appeared to be well stocked with Victorian round breakfast tables, and with many variations on the Davenport desk theme.

Anyone interested would be well advised to shop around. Unlike high street shopkeepers, antique dealers are not yet marking things down. The recession would have to be a good deal worse for that to become common. However, liquidity problems can mean that there is a greater willingness to listen to bargain-hunter's offers.

● *The NEC August Fair continues today from 11am-8pm and tomorrow from 11am-6pm (021-780 4141).*

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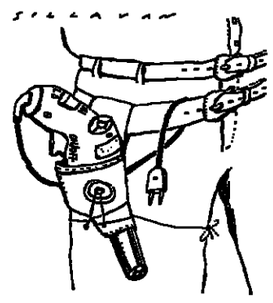
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☐ **Monday:** Among the more unconventional items in Sworder's sale at Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, at 10.30am, is a late Victorian verandah arcade, about 66ft long. A 19th century mahogany and cane cot (up to £500) is among the furniture at Lots Road Galleries, London, 6pm.

☐ **Tuesday:** Early 20th century reproduction furniture is back in demand, with a cream lacquer drawing-room suite estimated at up to £2,000 in a sale at Sotheby's Sussex, 10.30am. At the same time in Bristol, Allen & Harris offers a wide range of items, from Dinky toys to an Italianate landscape painting by Barker of Bath (up to £8,000).

☐ **Wednesday:** A 52-piece Crown Derby tea service (circa 1885) is in the glass and ceramics sale at Sotheby's Sussex, 10.30am.

☐ **Thursday:** Christie's South Kensington offers old and modern silver at 10.30am. Its sale of oriental works of art and ceramics at 10.30am and 2pm includes Company School Indian miniatures. At 11am, Odiham Auctions offers Victorian furnishings and shopfittings — and an early American hair-drier.



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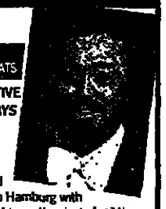
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Oriental savagery, blazing on the screen: *Salammbô*, reconstructed for the Avignon Festival, with live orchestra

Carthage recaptured

In Avignon, David Robinson watches a forgotten silent film reborn, and a fine composer's reputation restored

The 14th century Popes of Avignon must have squirmed in their tombs to see their fortress-palace desecrated by the pagan sensuality of *Salammbô*. Whatever distress the papal shades may have suffered, however, the great court – converted into the customary arena for the Avignon festival – provided a spectacular setting for the rediscovery of this silent film.

Behind the exotic images on the giant screen, the palace walls of golden stone soared up, a natural extension of the mythical Carthage of the film. Above them was the open sky and stars. And accompanying the spectacle was the original score composed by Florent Schmitt for the film's premiere in October 1925. The rich orchestrations demanded 85 players of the Orchestre National d'Ile-de-France under Jacques Mercier, together with a choir of 80.

Salammbô (to be repeated at the Opera Garnier, Paris, on October 6) is the centrepiece of "L'Eté Florent Schmitt", with which France is making amends for past neglect of the composer. Long unperformed scores are being retrieved, and a new series of CDs is in progress. Schmitt's reputation was unchallenged in the first quarter of the century. The young Stravinsky wrote that Schmitt's *Tragedie de Salome* had "produced in me the greatest emotion that a work of art can give". He was rated the peer of his contemporaries Ravel and Debussy.

His subsequent eclipse was perhaps the price of living too long. In 1958, only a few weeks before his death at 88, his newly composed Second Symphony was premiered by Charles Munch. It was well received, but its composer was a forgotten man.

He was, however, at the peak of his career when he added *Salammbô* to his succession of oriental *femmes fatales* – Semiramis, Salome and Cleopatra (in *Antoine et Cleopatre*, created for Ida Rubinstein). The film was faithfully based on Flaubert's "oriental" novel of 1862: the story of the tragic love of Salammbô, the virginal daughter of the Carthaginian General Hamilcar, and Matho, the Libyan mercenary.

Salammbô was a Franco-Austrian co-production. Its producer, Jacques Aubert, declared (oddly anticipating the dreams of 1992) that he could "foresee in the future a European cinema which will constitute a homogeneous production that can effectively oppose the excessive competition from America."

But Aubert's motives for shooting in Ausuria may have been less altruistic. Inflation and massive unemployment made manpower cheap and plentiful. The armies of extras who make *Salammbô* one of the most spectacular films of the period were hungry Viennese unemployed.

Pierre Marodon, the director, had a brief career, and his ambitions far outstripped his talents. *Salammbô*'s extravagant sets and costumes beguilingly combine archaeological "reconstruction" and 1920s kitsch, but they cannot compensate for Marodon's primitive sense of narrative. The story is mostly told in the titles, taken from Flaubert and presented in a pseudo-Carthaginian typography. The grandiose acting seems archaic for the year which also saw Chaplin's *The Gold Rush* and Pabst's *Joyless Street*.

Yet as a strange, static fresco *Salammbô* has its fascination. The erotic symbolism – borrowed certainly from Flaubert – is still startling on screen. Jeanne de Balzac, in the title role, appears (albeit briefly) in Renoiresque nudity; and a near-naked Matho writhes onanistically in the throes of thwarted passion.

Marodon's master-stroke, however, as the Avignon performances confirmed, was to commission a score from Schmitt, the leading "orientalist" composer. Schmitt is said to have been dismayed by the film. Having noted the timings to which his score had to conform, he bolted for the Pyrenees, and matched his score to Flaubert rather than to Marodon.

The press of 1925 was generally tough on the film but unstinting in its praise for Schmitt. Sixty-six years on, the music still saves the day, and makes the revival eminently worth-while. The finale, with the choir singing in an invented "Carthaginian" language, brings the film to a thrilling, tragic climax. The enthusiasm of the Avignon audience clearly justified the cost and labour that had gone into restoring the film, with all its shortcomings, and the score, with all its merits.

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Is parsimony the best way to treat prodigy?

Simon Tait asks if Britain invests sufficiently in its youth ensembles

Tonight the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain appears live on television, performing at the Proms. An audience of millions will feel rightly proud that this country supports one of the world's finest youth orchestras. But how much does Britain actually "support" any of our national youth ensembles? Behind the celebratory facade of tonight's concert there is growing concern about their financial circumstances.

The share-out of this year's Arts Council's youth fund has brought a furious response from the National Youth Theatre: "We are sure that you would not expect us to be other than profoundly depressed by the announcement that we are to be given the measly sum of £5,000."

So goes a letter to Lord Palumbo, the Arts Council chairman, from Bryan Forbes, the NYT's president, Sir Ian McKellen, vice-president, and Edward Wilson, artistic director. "It is a matter of regret and concern that the Arts Council has chosen to treat us with virtual contempt." The NYT, whose Sainsbury sponsorship worth £150,000 a year ends in March, has had to cut its next programme to three productions. Other beneficiaries feel scarcely less miffed at the lack of encouragement for the best young companies in the country, even though they are relatively successful with sponsorship. But should they be?

Until 1981 the Arts Council funded youth arts groups as it did any other companies. Then it decided to cut the "non-fully professional" bodies from its client list. Three years ago there was a softening of heart after heavy lobbying from the NYT and others, and the youth fund was introduced.

The fund contains £75,000 this year, and 11 companies benefit from it. The biggest shares, of £10,000 each, go to the National Organisation for South Asian Dance, to start a new youth dance company, the National Youth Choir for bursaries and commissions, and the Young Persons Concert Foundation.

The National Association of Youth Theatres receives £9,000 for rural training courses, the National Youth Dance Trust has £6,000 to consolidate its management, raise its profile and improve quality, and the British Federation of Young Choirs, British Youth Opera, National Youth Music Theatre, National Youth Orchestra and NYT get £5,000 each. The last £5,000 is for a national conference for youth club workers to develop a youth arts policy.

Roger Hill, chairman of the NAYT and a former member of the Arts Council's education committee, thinks the NYT is wrong to take such exception. "The criteria, as I understand them, are nationwide provision, highest quality outreach and adventurousness. The NYT is mainly metropolitan and is hardly at the cutting edge of new theatre," he says. He added that, through its education funding, the council helps 38,000 youngsters in 699 theatres around the country where new work is being created.

If tonight's national television appearance of the 11- to 19-year-old musicians of the NYO (which until 1980 received £20,000 a year from the Arts Council) is not a mark of a national standard of excellence, asks the orchestra's director of administration, Michael De Grey, what is? "We are the best in the world despite lack of encouragement from the Arts Council to maintain our standards and education service," he says. From this orchestra have emerged such stars as Simon Rattle; in fact, 30 per cent of its members go into the profession. But the NYO finds it hard to encourage sponsorship when there is no evidence of national approval.

'The NYO finds it hard to attract sponsors when there is no solid evidence of national approval'

British Youth Opera was only founded in 1987, and this year moves up for its London season from the Bloomsbury Theatre to the relative grandeur of Sadler's Wells. Subsidy is supposed to allow for innovation. Yet because there is so little of it, according to Denis Coe, the chairman, the programme has to be safe: "I want to do some Britten and even commission new work, but our box office is so important to our survival that there is no margin for risk." Consequently, this year's operas are to be *Don Giovanni* and *La Bohème*.

Forbes has tried to bring the NYO, the NYT and the National Youth Music Theatre together in new plans for the Roundhouse in Camden – plans which appear to be foundering. "It could have been the most thrilling innovation," he says. "But because there is no concept of the value of our young performers there is no help for it."

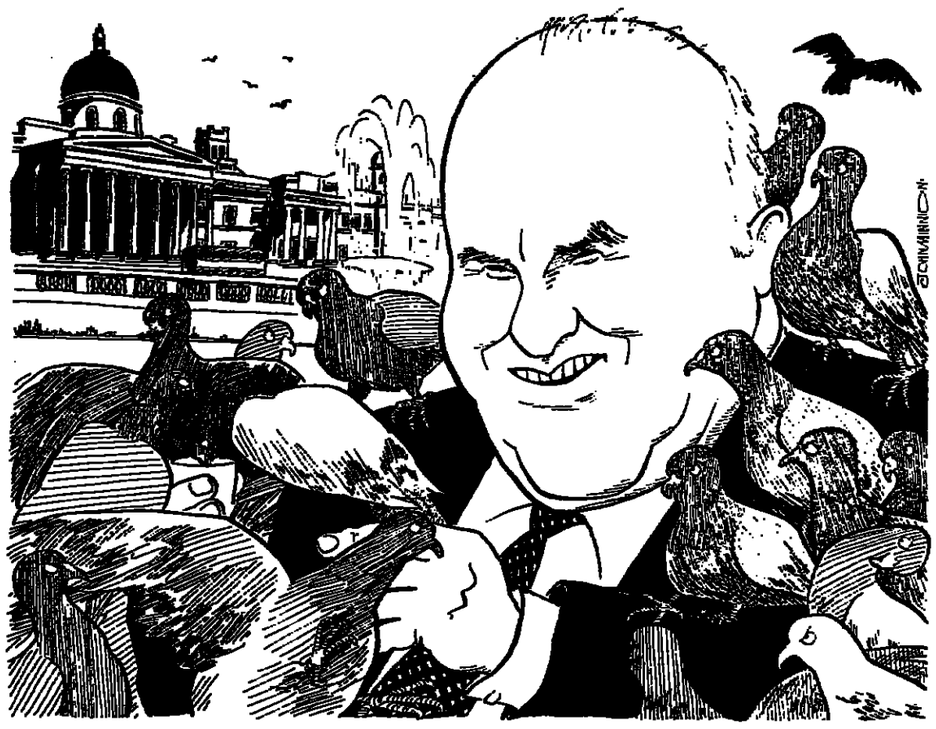
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Here today, gone tomorrow? Rasaak Adoti and Lisa Brice in the NYMT's production of *Guys and Dolls*

Lynne Truss, reviewing this week's television, finds the views on Clive James' postcard disappointing

How quaint it was not to be famous



Happening to notice a famous person strolling self-consciously through the throngs of a London street, you may possibly experience a kind of vertigo. "Good Lord," you cry, staggering slightly, "That's Richard Harris, surely!" Upon which, a surge of recognition sweeps Harris-wards like a great wind, and the rest of the world simply drops out of sight. I once had the privilege to spot Raisa Gorbachev sorting through shawls in the scarf department of Liberty's, so I can attest to this curious help-me-I'm-falling sensation at first hand.

But for those who have never experienced the thrill of a Richard Harris sighting, or even a brush with Raisa, there is a clever push-me-pull-you camera movement (first used, I think, in the beach scene of Steven Spielberg's *Jaws*) that reproduces precisely this mental telescoping effect. The subject remains the same size in the frame, but the camera backs hurriedly away from it, while zooming in simultaneously. By this means, the subject appears to swell into three-dimensional reality, while the surrounding crowds are reduced to so much peripheral wallpaper. And as an additional treat, the contents of the viewer's stomach tend to perform an involuntary up-and-over figure of eight.

Clive James's peculiar **Postcard from London** on Wednesday (BBC 1) provided an interesting variant on this general rule of star-spotting. Embarked on a sentimental journey strangely devoid of sentiment, James visited sundry districts of London remembered from the far-off (and now, ha-ha, scarcely credible) days when he was young, thin and unknown, evidently with the intention of impressing on us the scale of his present success. Down Oxford Street and up The Mall; through Trafalgar Square and across Earls Court – James joined the vulgar jostle on the pavements, and reflected in familiar wise-cracking voice-over that nowadays he tended to witness such scenes only through the windows of chauffeur-driven cars.

But did his famous figure leap into three dimensions, amid the faceless riff-raff? Strangely, the effect was the opposite. It seemed that the camera zoomed out, rather than in. With his stiff gait and eerily immobile expression, James traversed the crowds rather like a lifesize cardboard cut-out motor-driven through a world of flesh and blood. The places looked real; as did the young, thin and utterly unknown people who passed by on either side. The only thing resembling a postcard was James himself.

This was a disappointing programme for peak-time BBC 1: anecdotal, but without anecdotes. Fans of James's book *Falling Towards England* who held their breath, expecting their favourite stories of Kangaroo Valley bedsit-land, will have been rushed to hospital suffering from oxygen starvation. Sadly, the point of the exercise was not to reminisce, or to dwell on one's days of hilarious nonentity.

Instead, James seemed more concerned to demonstrate that, where London streetlife was concerned, he was nowadays a fish out of water, gaping in astonishment when separated from the more congenial habitat of Langan's or Annabel's. Despite the jokey commentary, the premise of *Clive James – Postcard from London* was not witty. Essentially it was 50 minutes of such profound insights as "Do you know, I haven't been on the Underground in *ages*."

Amid the hopping, heaving deafening din of the Hippodrome, then, James stood stock still, with the word "Aaargh" almost visible on his brow. In Trafalgar Square, he gamely suffered himself to be pecked by expert pigeons, no doubt to prove the wisdom of the comfy indoor life he now shares with the rich and famous.

His method of reclaiming the early Sixties was not to re-experience spam fritters and spotted dick, or to sleep between grey unwashed sheets in an ice-cold room, but to interview Peter Cook and Alan Coren, Terence Donovan and Michael Caine, in a pally "Hey, do you remember Nick the Greek's . . . ?" kind of way, his thesis being that if London has appeared to change over the past 30 years, it is only because he now looks at it from a more elevated (or "serious") position.

This may explain why he made no mention of the more obvious changes to London – the homeless begging from doorways, for example – but ended the film with himself arriving by taxi at the Royal Academy for a ghastly society dinner-dance. Despite his repeated efforts to dignify his snooty fellow guests as good old English eccentrics (and the boring charity raffle as a delightful shambles unthinkable in other world capitals of his acquaintance), his evening's entertainment looked distinctly unenviable.

Nancy Astor once observed that the penalty for success is to be bored by the people who used to snub you. The closing section of *Clive James – Postcard from London* was the living proof that she was right; and that, moreover, the process does not necessarily make good television.

Television is, of course, a supremely "them and us" medium. What was distasteful about this latest *Postcard* from Clive James was, I suspect, the way he cheerfully ditched the "us" in order to align himself with "them". The most simple, and common, method of judging television is by whether you can enlist sympathetically with the "us" being presented. How close do you feel, for example, to the people complaining about provision of public toilets in *Checkout 91* (Channel 4)? Or the highly vocal tower-block residents in *Them and Us* (BBC 1) campaigning against asbestos levels in their homes?

Enough of this kind of thing, of course, and you start to forget who you are. This week *Under the Sun* (BBC 2) engaged us in the plight of Mexican musicians; *In My Defence* (BBC 2) sold us the powerful anti-Turkish passion of Gourgen Yanikian, an Armenian who famously shot two Turks to draw attention to a forgotten massacre of his people; and Jimmy McGovern's enjoyable "Play on One", *Gas and Candles*, enlisted us on the side of the powerless pensioner. By the end of the week, then, the combined claims on one's imaginative sympathy contributed to a confusing sensation of being old, powerless and Armenian, with a tickling throat, oversized guitar, and a desperate need for a loo.

Publicity was what most of these people lacked; and publicity is being swiftly added to our list of basic human rights, without which people are disadvantaged. How strange it is to sit passively at home, and through the miracle of broadcasting graciously confer on all sorts of unknown people the attention that they crave. Perhaps this is why watching television deludes audiences into thinking they are powerful. And perhaps this is also why watching Clive James bask in his celebrity was so galling: because he self-evidently did not need the charity.

Slimy nightmare in city of the American Dream

THEATRE

Angel City
The Grove, Ladbroke Grove

ROBERT Redford once said that anybody who lived in Beverly Hills too long turned into a Mercedes. Sam Shepard takes a still grimmer view of the Los Angeles area in *Angel City*. A Hollywood mogul turns into a fanged blend of lizard and sci-fi humanoid, and begins to seep what, in Andrew Pratt's lively if raw production, looks like the green slime that tolerant parents buy at toy-shops for knockabout birthday parties. As for the writer he has hired to help him create a disaster movie, he ends up with his face transformed into a bulbous grey-blue toadstool.

Shepard produced the play in 1976, some time before he himself started writing films or starring in them; and it comes across today as a clairvoyant nightmare. Los Angeles itself is a place where the air is yellow with smog, the doctors have "all been sued to death" and everybody is dreaming of making movies, being in them, or both. It is horrible, yet it is beguiling, even for Mark Marshall's Rabbit Brown, who thinks of himself as a conscientious artist. "Here I can affect millions," he guiltily admits. "Replace their books, their families, their religion, politics, art, conversation. Replace their minds."

The rest of the play involves his mostly ruinous attempts to do just that. Not only does he impel Jack Panter, playing the madder of his two employers, to ooze slime. The febrile Steve James, who is the other, falls to his knees wailing "my power lies in manipulation and if no one is manipulated I have no purpose." Meanwhile Amy Tolsky, playing the company's star-struck secretary, dresses up as a nun and prowls the stage doing what, take or leave an Irish accent, appears to be a Julie Andrews imitation.

So the play goes on, challenging the more resourceful among us to crack its increasingly *outré* metaphors. A percussionist, performed with splendid brio by Russel Layton, is one moment laying into his drums, and the next babbling happily about the joy of "losin' ourselves forever in the miracle of film".

There is also an offstage saxophonist whose function is a little clearer, because Shepard has explained it. His moody blues, wafting across James Robinson's surreal white set, apparently represent an individualism disappearing in Hollywood.

In his preface to *Angel City*, Shepard adds that he thinks of character not as a coherent set of motives but as "a fractured whole with bits and pieces flying off a central theme". That seems true of the play itself, too. Bits and pieces fly off the theme, which is the destructiveness of fantasy; and, peculiar though these undoubtedly are, they are usually worth hearing. "I hate having to eat, having to work, having to go to the bathroom," Tolsky typically interjects. "I hate having to live in this body which isn't a star's body and all the time knowing that stars exist, that people are living in dreams which are the same dreams I'm dreaming but never living."

A lot of people surely feel that way, and in Britain as well as America. *Angel City* is Shepard's imaginative protest on their behalf, and perhaps also on his own. Pratt's company has shown admirable enterprise in reviving it.

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Week's Highlights
Albert Hall/Radio 3

NOTHING else is quite like the stillness of the promenaders at their most attentive. For close on 30 minutes, they listened without so much as a sniffle while the **Norwegian Chamber Orchestra** (Tuesday) wove the seamless string texture of Richard Strauss's *Metamorphosen*, and then held back on their applause so as not to break the spell.

That was a tribute to the warmth and shading of these first-time visitors to the Proms whose concert also marked the tenth anniversary of Iona Brown's directorship. The Strauss had a sustained strength of elegiac feeling and a chamber-like response between each of the 23 string parts; and in Britten's *Frank Bridge Variations* there was likeable variety of character, especially when verging on humorous parody.

Besides the strings there were ten wind players and a timpanist, who was extravagantly brought along, it seemed, to be confined to Mozart's "Haffner" Serenade in the second part. Iona Brown's solo violin added winsome charm and busy-fingered bravura to the miniature concerto enclosed within the eight movements.

The expertise at dealing with voices that Mark Elder has achieved with English National Opera ensured a clear balance between his two solo singers in his **BBC Symphony Orchestra** performance of *The Song of the Earth* (Wednesday). He had views of his own, however, on how Mahler's valedictory song-symphony should sound, and was so concerned to purge it of false sentiment that its more inward-searching aspects were left instrumentally barren.

Still, he gave the wind instrument players their heads in exposed passages, sometimes at the expense of continuity of line, and the flutes, oboes, horns and cor anglais made the most of their opportunities. Linda Finnie, the Bayreuth Festival's current Fricka, sang her solos from memory, which perhaps needed refreshing as to the difference between "innig" and "voller Empfindung" in her first song, for instance. She rose well to the long, lingering farewell of the last song with sustained line and tone, once past an extremely slow beginning. Gary Lakes projected his forceful tenor through the orchestral writing with buoyant spirit.

Of the concerto soloists encountered in two programmes, Stephen Hough at this concert was polished but glib in Mozart's E flat Piano Concerto K271. He scampered through the outer movements and allowed a halting over-emphasis to do duty for pathos in the darkly expressive slow movement.

The other concerto was Tchaikovsky's for violin (Thursday), in which the Korean-born Dong-Suk Kang possibly indulged in more soupy slurring in the first two movements than has been heard since Jascha Heifetz. The finale brought almost robotic bravura, with Tadaaki Otaka conducting the **BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra** in support. One wondered why this drew the BBC's television cameras to repeat what has already been screened with exactly the same artists, when so much other Proms music is ignored for television.

The orchestral strings were featured in the *Sea Sketches* by Grace Williams. This is one of the few musical seascapes in which estuary scenes of storm and sail, rough seas and calm, are pictured without either wind instruments or percussion, relying instead on uncommon rhythmic resource and tonal subtlety. A fuller orchestral colour was liberally applied in a compilation from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* which ignored dramatic associations to the extent of finishing with the noisy "Death of Tybalt" *after* the anguish of "Romeo at Juliet's Tomb", much as if one heard Tosca's suicide before the death of Scarpia in Puccini.

NOEL GOODWIN

THE SUNDAY TIMES

"He thus veers from gushingly Pooterish accounts of his attempts to engage the dame in meaningful conversation, to heavy hints about her possible sexual encounters with celebrities of both sexes"

Sheridan Morley on Daphne du Maurier biographers. in The Sunday Times tomorrow

Romantic steps to fantasy

DANCE

Giselle
Festival Hall

ENGLISH National Ballet's permanent guest artist Yelena Pankova brought a full house for Thursday's performance of *Giselle*, as well as an enthusiastic reception for both her and her handsome, ardent Albrecht, Thomas Edur.

Pankova has had to modify her interpretation of the role to take account of the different choreography in Mary Skeaping's production. She was particularly light and bright in the flute solo from the *Pas des Vendangeurs*, but basically this is still her own reading of the part as previously seen with the Kirov Ballet. What becomes clear in this new context is how cleverly she produces an illusion of spontaneity through the most artificial means.

The leitmotif of her dancing in this role is a curious angling of the shoulders, with the arms held out a little to the side as well as forwards. It recalls, perhaps, the awkward drawing in many prints of 19th century ballerinas – something that helps provide the romantic feeling which used to infuse the whole production.

Edur, too, has a feeling for the older style of dancing, and his playing has unusual nobility and grace. It is particularly gratifying that both he and Koen Onzia, who played the same role at Wednesday's matinee, perform *grands jetés* the correct, original way – as a soaring arc of movement, rather than the quick, flat jump with legs flicked outstretched, which has become the prevalent style.

Onzia's partner, Daniela Angelini (who is a guest from Cincinnati), let a disconcertingly gloomy manner for much of the first act take the edge off a performance that later became sound, although hardly justifying a transatlantic journey.

The company's most convincing mimes, Kevin Richmond as Hilarion and Alexander Grant as the Prince of Courland, were relegated to the matinee for some strange reason, while those roles were feebly played at the two evening performances that I attended.

Josephine Jewkes makes the Queen of the Wilis a savage feminist virago to strong dramatic effect; her dancing has passion at least, if not always finesse.

JOHN PERCIVAL

More creaky than shanty

THEATRE

The God Exu
Barons Court Theatre

PEOPLE in want, seeing little chance of bettering themselves by effort, turn to wonder-working gods. In the Brazilian shanty town of Zora Seljan's play, the God is Exu, a smiling deity brought over by the slaves from Africa and seemingly always on hand to grant favours in exchange for wine and a good Havana.

The wine is drunk and the cigar smoked by the priestess who invokes him at the behest of two married couples discontented with their lot. The hot-dog seller, Caxinguele, nicely played by Christopher Toba, hopes to win the pools; Nequinho (Tony Tarrats) is afraid a government inspector will find the false measures in his shop. One wife longs for a red dress, the other for a real man. Meanwhile, street-battles between rival drug dealers are raging, interrupted by a shoot-out between police and government inspectors. It all seems a long way from Whitehall.

As the priestess, Beaux Bryant goes into some convincingly ecstatic dances and trances and is transformed from lissom young woman into gleeful, ithyphallic man-about-heaven, strutting over the bodies of his sleeping supplicants who writhe around on each other in ecstasies of longing. With a nude Brazilian *Midsummer Night's Dream* in New York, Brazil is this week's top country for sexual frolics.

Nonetheless, Seljan's play is a real old mess of a story, endlessly repeating the same few points about rivalry, jealousy and bugs in the barley. As for the poverty constantly mentioned, the women each spend time in their own hot baths: not the impression of shanty towns fostered by television documentaries.

Exu rewards the good and disappoints the bad. How lucky to live in a shanty town where such things happen. Seljan may have hoped to combine the fabular element of a fairytale with the rawness of modern life, but her characterisation is so thin that the play persuades as neither.

The low arches of this basement pub theatre effectively suggest cramped living quarters and Clodajh McGuinness's painted walls bring an authentic brightness. Ray Shell and Anthony Barclay direct.

JEREMY KINGSTON



BBC 1

6.40 Open University: The Plough and the Hoe **7.05** Maths: Shrinking Polygons
7.30 Pinocchio. Cartoon adventures with the wooden boy puppet **7.50 Kissyfur.** Two cartoons featuring the playful bear (r)
8.15 The 8.15 From Manchester. Charlotte Hindle visits a holiday camp for the day and discovers the joys of being a Redcoat. In the studio Ross King and Dianne Oxberry talk to new Manchester band Take That! and there's music from chart-topping band Blur, plus cartoon fun with *Grandad* and *Gravedale High* **11.00 The Flying Bear.** Cartoon
11.05 Film: Peter No-Tail (1981). Swedish feature length animated adventure about a farm kitten with no tail who is rescued by a city family. This English version is directed by Michael Bakewell (postponed from June 29) **12.27 Weather**
12.30 Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.35** and **1.05** Motorcycling: the fourth round of the ACU Shell supercup British championship from Cadwell Park; **1.00** News; **1.25** Judo: the world championships from Barcelona; **1.55, 2.25** and **3.05** Racing from Goodwood; **2.10** and **2.35** Motor Racing: the Esso British touring car championship, rounds seven and eight, from Silverstone and Donington; **3.15** Show Jumping: the Silk Cut speed derby from Hickstead; **4.00** Swimming: the Optrex national championships from Leeds
5.05 News and weather
5.15 Regional News and sport
5.20 Stay Tooned. Tony (Baldrick) Robinson looks at cartoons from the Fifties
5.45 The Flying Doctors: The Deal. The Aussie aerial medics face a challenge when they go to the aid of an outback governess who suffers a severe asthma attack. Her son informs them that he has made a pact with God to ensure her recovery. Chris finally realises she has to tell those closest to her about her illness. (Ceefax)
6.30 Roy's Raiders. Lightweight comedy series about a firm of *motorcycle couriers Starring James* Grout and Pat Coombs. (Ceefax)
7.00 Columbo: Fade In To Murder. The well-worn detective investigates a television policeman who thinks he has committed the perfect murder. Starring Peter Falk and William (*Star Trek*) Shatner (r). (Ceefax)
8.10 One Foot in the Grave: Timeless Time. Wrinkly sitcom about a bad-tempered pensioner and his long-suffering wife. Victor (Richard Wilson) has a sleepless night — so Margaret (Annette Crosbie) is forced to stay awake (r). (Ceefax)
8.40 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Sport and weather
9.00 Casualty: Remembrance. High octane medical drama set in a hard-pressed hospital. Jimmy's girlfriend runs into a drug problem, which lands him in trouble with Charlie and Duffy, and Julian's efforts to save an old lady's life are not appreciated by her family. With Brenda Fricker, Derek Thompson and Cathy Shipton (r). (Ceefax)
9.55 Film: Spies, Lies and Naked Thighs (1988). Zany television movie about a strange house guest who drags his hosts into a complicated mystery involving a killer with a cookie cutter. Starring Ed Begley Jr, Harry Anderson and Linda Purl. Directed by James Frawley. (Ceefax)



Music amid the laughs: the rock star David Bowie (11.20pm)

11.20 Paramount City. Curtis and Ishmael introduce the last in the present series of the studio-set entertainment show. David Bowie sings, John Hegley reads comic poetry, and Tommy Cockles, Caroline Aherne and Jim Tavare provide the laughs. (Ceefax)
12.00 Film: Curse of the Werewolf (1961). Better-than-average Hammer horror about a man (Oliver Reed) who struggles to control the wolf within him — but fails when he is unlucky in love. With Clifford Evans, Yvonne Romain and Anthony Dawson. Directed by Terence Fisher
1.30am Weather

BBC 2

6.50 Open University
2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 57 of the vivid 93-part Indian epic
3.25 The Sky at Night: Soviet Space Astronomy. Patrick Moore visits Baikonur, the launch site of important Soviet space missions (r)
3.45 Under Sail: The Great Mail Race. Baltic windjammers recreating the golden age of sail (r)
4.05 Film: Raintree County (1958). A poor man's *Gone with the Wind*, set during the American civil war with Elizabeth Taylor miscast as a southern belle out to win the affections of a Yankee teacher played by Montgomery Clift. The cast also includes Eva Marie Saint, Nigel Patrick, Lee Marvin, Agnes Moorhead and Rod Taylor, under Edward Dmytryk's plodding direction
6.45 The Shadow: Shop Stewards.
● CHOICE: The series comparing work experience in the European Community continues to be a lot more interesting than the brief might suggest. Bente Anderson from Copenhagen and Rosaleen Davidson from Belfast both work as cleaners in big city hospitals and both are shop stewards. The comparison works heavily in Denmark's favour, with a spanking new hospital, a seemingly relaxed and happy workforce and wages at least three times as high as in Northern Ireland. Thatcherism has made limited headway in Denmark. There is almost no private health care and the citizens are prepared to foot the bill for an effective welfare state. Perhaps this is why the trade unions are less militant. Another reason may be that employers are more willing to consult on proposed changes. It is sad that Anderson's first impressions of Belfast are of barbed wire and soldiers in the streets. (Ceefax)
7.15 News with Moira Stuart, sport and weather
7.30 Live from the Proms. David Atherton conducts the National Youth Orchestra in two pieces — Shostakovich's Symphony No 7 in C Major and Walton's Poetic Viola Concerto, in which the soloist is Yuri Bashmet. During the interval the British composer Michael Berkeley considers the influence of Shostakovich's work on classical music and on the nature of Russian identity. Simultaneous broadcast on Radio 3
9.50 Alan Clarke Season: Road.
● CHOICE: The retrospective of films directed by the late Alan Clarke offers another disenchanted view of contemporary Britain, this time in the story of two girls from the northern underclass who look for a good night out and fail to find it. Written by Jim Cartwright, and first seen as a stage play, *Road* disturbs because both its landscapes, the physical as well as the personal, are brutal and bleak. Poverty of relationships is as important as material deprivation. Despite superficial contact, the characters are doomed to move along parallel lines, emphasised by the use of monologue. Cartwright himself did the television adaptation. Jane Horrocks and Mossie Smith as the girls, Neil Dudgeon and William Armstrong as the boys they meet, repeat their stage roles. But this is in no sense photographed theatre. Clarke took the cameras into real streets and shaped the drama with a film-maker's sensibility (r)



Motown's best known name: soulful Stevie Wonder (10.55pm)

10.55 Soul by the Sea.
● CHOICE: Thirty years of the Motown record label are celebrated by performers old and new in Montego Bay, Jamaica, against a balmy background of sun and sea. The film compresses four days of concerts held last December into 90 minutes, so that apart from the occasional shot of glistening water or lush vegetation, this is wall-to-wall performance. The film aims to provide a comprehensive cross-section of black entertainment, though some may feel the enterprise is short on big names. The best-known act on view is Stevie Wonder, who has been recording for Motown since 1963. Further echoes of the Sixties are provided by the Temptations but most of the artists are younger and lesser-known exponents of rap, reggae and dance. The camerawork, with its fast cutting and rakish angles, sometimes takes on a momentum of its own, out of sympathy with the music. Ends at **12.30am**

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Children's ITV: Ghost Train. Chills, thrills, fun and excitement with Frances Dodge, Sebra Williams and Nobby the Sheep. Plus pop videos, live music and cartoon fun. Among the guests are *Neighbours* star Anne Charleston and wildlife expert Chris Packham, who discovers some owls. Providing the music are Seal and Dannii Minogue
11.30 A Beetle Called Derek. Environmental series presented by Andrea Arnold. This week she discovers that different cultures have differing attitudes towards the environment **12.00 The ITV Chart Show.** The *Vintage Video* slot features Free
1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **1.05 LWT News** and weather
1.10 International Yacht Racing. Gareth Evans and Penny Silvester introduce highlights from races for the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup **1.40 Spectacular Sportsbloopers & Fab Fouls.** A pot-pourri of sporting accidents
1.45 The London Match featuring the Makita International Football Championship. The new football season is virtually upon us, and as a taster for what is to come Makita is once again putting up the sponsorship for this tournament. As usual, it involves two British teams and two from the Continent, with West Ham taking on the crack Italian team Sampdoria and league champions Arsenal playing Greek side Panathinaikos. The winners play off for the trophy tomorrow afternoon. The programme features live coverage of the second half of the West Ham match, and the whole of the Arsenal game. Commentating at Highbury are Brian Moore, Alan Parry and Ian St John
5.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **5.05 LWT News** and weather
5.15 Cartoon Time with Porky Pig

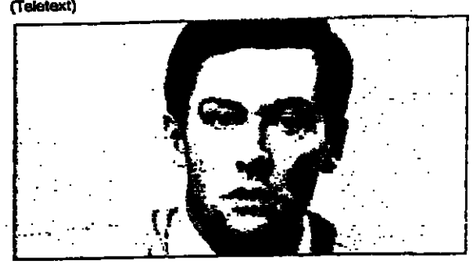


Out of her depth: Daryl Hannah falls for Tom Hanks (5.30pm)

5.30 Film: Splash (1984). Daryl Hannah stars as a beautiful mermaid who saves a young boy from drowning. Unfortunately, he turns out to be Tom Hanks when he grows up, and once more falls into the sea and into her arms. But when she falls for him and takes to the land, a cruel scientist has designs on her fishtail body. An attractive fantasy, directed by Ron Howard
7.30 The Two of Us. Amiable comedy with Nicholas Lyndhurst and Janet Dibley as young marrieds (r). (Oracle)
8.00 *The Ruth Rendell Mystery Movie: Best Man to Die.* Another polished adaptation from the Ruth Rendell canon, with the stolid DCI Wexford (George Baker) discovering a dead body for the first time in his life. The corpse turns out to be the intended best man at a wedding, who was last seen enjoying himself at his friend's stag night. With Christopher Ravenscroft, Diane Keen, Tracie Bennett, Barbara Leigh-Hunt and Shirin Taylor (r). (Oracle)
10.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Sport and weather **10.15 LWT Weather**
10.20 Richard Digance. Cockney entertainer Richard Digance casts his eye over the world, with guests including Brian Lovering, who performs acrobatic ventriloquism, and singer Marc Cohn
10.50 Film: Martin's Day (1985). An escaped convict and the young boy he kidnaps become friends as they hole out in an old secret childhood hideaway. Sluggish and sentimental film from Canada, Starring Richard Harris, James Coburn, Justin Henry and Lindsay Wagner. Directed by Alan Gibson
12.40am Bhangra Festival. Performances from the UK's largest Bhangra festival, held at London's Town & Country Club last month, featuring Heera, Apna Sangeet and Apache Indian
3.40 Wrestling. More loud grunts and bumps
4.40 The Hit Man and Her. More disco music and gyratory dancing with Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book. Cartoons **7.00 Crosstalk.** Young people debate issues of interest **7.30 High 5.** Unusual sporting action **8.00 Trans World Sport.** International sporting news and features
9.00 News summary followed by **Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line.** Looking back over the week and forward to this weekend's meetings **9.25 Sing & Swing.** Jazz from the Thirties and Forties (r)
9.30 A Century of Childhood. Today's programme in the series examining the changing experience of childhood looks at the history of child labour during the early years of the century. With signing and subtitles
10.00 Check Out '91. Consumer issues (r). (Teletext)
10.30 Wagon Train: The Conchita Vasquez Story (b/w). Flint (Robert Horton) is lured into a trap by Conchita Vasquez (Anna Maria Alberghetti), the beautiful daughter of the Commanchero chief
11.30 Australian Rules Football
12.30 The Munsters (b/w). Vintage comedy featuring Amanda's most bizarre family (r)
1.05 Film: Flight Command (1940, b/w). Rally-round-the-flag second world war drama starring Robert Taylor as a cocky cadet who is disliked by his San Diego-based fighting squadron and proves he is a noble serviceman by saving the life of a commander. With Ruth Hussey, Walter Pidgeon and Red Skelton. Directed by Frank Borzage
3.15 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Derek Thompson introduces live coverage of the EBF Pegasus Maiden Stakes (3.20); *People-Sporting Life* championship 3-y-o Handicap Stakes (3.50); Colman's of Norwich Stakes (4.20); and the Exeter Stakes (4.50)
5.10 Brookside Omnibus. Suburban Merseyside drama (r). (Teletext)
6.30 And It Wasn't a Dream. Manchester's hard-core rap band, the Ruthless Rap Assassins, take a look at black political rap music in the north of England
7.00 The World This Week. Sheena McDonald and Nik Gowing present a mix of current news and views plus reports and analysis of the latest developments around the world. Includes News headlines and weather
8.00 Kingdoms of the East: The Wonderful Kangaroo. The red kangaroo is the largest of its kind. In this documentary narrated by Andrew Sachs, Des and Jean Bartlett look at the threats to the "big red" from humans and their herds of sheep and cattle (Teletext)



Infinitely subtle: Maurice Ronet as a suicidal writer (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: Le Feu Follet (1963, b/w).
● CHOICE: Louis Malle's poignant study of a writer moving towards an inevitable suicide was a critical triumph and won the special jury prize at the Venice festival. It had less success at the box office, no doubt because audiences were repelled by the downbeat theme. *Le Feu Follet* is, however, a far from depressing film. For one thing it is made with such skill that the audience can almost forget the content while admiring the technique. This is not to say that Malle is a flamboyant director. On the contrary his style is cool, detached, almost self-effacing. The important thing is that it perfectly matches the subject. The film has a formal logic which is almost flawless. The writer is played by Maurice Ronet, an infinitely subtle performance which finally gives the spoilt, selfish character a sort of nobility. Jeanne Moreau and Alexandra Stewart lend quality support and the music is by Satie
11.00 As It Happens. In the first of a new series Peter McCarthy rolls the dice in the gambling oasis of Las Vegas, revelling in the debauched delights of the home of all that is flashy and tacky
12.35am Manhattan Cable. An extremely welcome (and swift) repeat of this zany cult show which looks at the often outrageous and incredibly wacky world of the Big Apple's cable television service. Tonight's programme includes a lightweight interview with Bret Easton Ellis, author of the controversial novel *American Psycho*. Presented by the glorious Laurie Pike (r)
1.20 The Oprah Winfrey Show: I Caught My Daughter's Rapist. An unusually late slot for the talk show, presumably because of the content. Oprah meets a woman who took the law into her own hands after her daughter was raped. She describes how she used herself as bait and lured the rapist into attacking her, allowing her husband to catch the culprit. Ends at **2.10**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Elephant Boy 6.30 Mapletown 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Danger Boy 11.30 She Na Na 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Combat 2.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 3.00 Monkey 4.00 Bearcats 5.00 240 Robert 6.00 Parker Lewis Can't Lose 6.30 The Addams Family 7.00 T.J. Hooker 8.00 Unsolved Mysteries 9.00 Cops 10.00 All American Wrestling 11.00 Freddy's Nightmares 12.00 The Last Laugh 12.30am Film: Murder Impossible 2.30 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 9.30 News Dayline 10.30 Health Circuit 11.30 Newsline Weekend 12.30pm Those Were the Days 1.30pm Holiday Destinations 2.30 Fashion TV 3.30 Those Were the Days 4.30 Health Circuit 5.00 Live at Five 8.30 Newsline Weekend 7.30 Fashion TV 8.30 Holiday Destinations 10.30 Newsline Weekend 11.30 Fashion TV 12.30am Holiday Destinations 1.30 Newsline Weekend 2.30 Health Circuit 3.30 Target 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl at 7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Cool Change (1979): A band of Australian cattlemen join forces to stop local landowners evicting a girl from her land
10.00 The House on Carroll Street (1986): Kelly McGillis uncovers a government conspiracy during the McCarthy era
12.00 Earth Girls Are Easy (1988): Three aliens land in the swimming-pool of a Los Angeles beautician (Geena Davis)
2.00pm California Girls (1985): Robbie Benson meets the woman of his dreams
4.00 How To Be a Perfect Person: A boy learns that perfection can be hard work
5.00 Entertainment Tonight
5.30 Pavarotti in the Park: The operatic tenor performing in London's Hyde Park
8.00 Sing (1989): Peter Dobson and Jessica Steen enter a Brooklyn song-and-dance competition
10.00 Cat Chaser (1989): A former Marine (Peter Weller) is drawn into a deadly plot when he begins a romance with the head of secret police (Kelly McGillis)
11.35 Emmanuelle (1974): Sylvia Kristel embarks on an erotic adventure in Bangkok
1.15am Colors (1987): Two cops (Sean Penn, Robert Duvall) attempt to bring the gangs of Los Angeles under control
3.50 Physical Evidence (1989): A female lawyer falls in love with the tough street cop she is defending. Starring Burt Reynolds and Theresa Russell. Ends at 5.30

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.10am Major Dundee (1965): Western in which a platoon of soldiers tackles marauding Indians. Starring Charlton Heston
8.15 The Jetsons Meet the Flintstones: Cartoon adventure
9.55 The Scarlet Hour (1955, b/w): A husband and wife plot each other's demise
12.00 World Entertainment News
1.00pm Plain Clothes (1988): A cop goes undercover at his old high school to investigate the murder of a local teacher
2.40 Last of the Curlews: Animated film about two curlews and their fight to survive the annual migration south
3.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles: Animated heroics of the sewer-dwellers
4.45 Yabba-Dabba Doo Celebration: Cartoon with the Flintstones and the Rubbles
6.15 Cinema Paradiso (1989): Award-winning Italian drama about a young boy *who grows up in love with the magic of* cinema. Starring Philippe Noiret
8.20 Memories of Me (1988): A heart surgeon survives a near-death experience and attempts a reconciliation with his estranged father. Starring Billy Crystal
10.05 Spotlight
10.30 Scenes from the Class Struggle in Beverly Hills (1989): Sex comedy featuring the outrageous bed-hopping of the Beverly Hills rich. Starring Jacqueline Bisset
12.15am Beyond Therapy (1987): Padded-cell farce about a neurotic woman (Glenda Jackson), her bi-sexual lover (Tom Conti) and their respective psychiatrists
1.50 A Cry in the Dark (1988): Dramatisation of Australia's "Dingo Baby" case. Starring Meryl Streep
3.55 The Prince of Pennsylvania (1988): A young man struggles to "find himself". Starring Fred Ward. Ends at 5.25

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
8.30am The American Bowl 10.30 Primetime Wrestling 12.00 Australian Rugby League 2.00pm Tuff Trax 3.00 American Sports Cavalcade 4.00 Motor World 4.30 Equestrianism 5.30 Kick-Boxing 6.30 British Motorcycling Grand Prix Preview 7.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 8.00 Classic Cup Final Football 10.00 Ringside: Live Championship Boxing 12.00 British Motorcycling Grand Prix Preview 12.30am Classic Cup Final Football

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am Motorsport 9.00 Equestrianism from Bern 10.00 Athletics: Triathlon from Nice, France 11.00 Gymnastrads from Amsterdam 12.00 Pony Eurochampionships 12.30pm Cycling Tour de France Best Moments 1.30 Live Tennis: French Open 5.00 Funboard Hawaii Final 1990 5.45 Live Athletics: Herculis Meeting from Monaco 9.00 International Motorsport 10.00 Boxing: Tiozzo v Watts 11.00 Cycling Tour de France Best Moments

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Inside Track 8.00 Stop-Pro Surfing Tour 8.30 Gillette World Sport Special 9.00 US Grand Prix Show Jumping 10.00 Motor Sport Nascar 11.00 Motor Sport 12.00 Stop-Mud and Monsters 1.00pm Weekend Live Volvo PGA European Golf Tour 4.00 Powerapora International 5.00 Motor Sport 6.30 Pro Superbike 7.00 British Rallycross 8.00 Motor Sport F3000 9.00 Weekend Live *US PGA Golf Tour 11.00 Men's Canadian* Tennis 12.00 Gillette World Sport Special 12.30am Motor Sport IMSA 1.30 Motor Sport Nascar 2.30 Fight Night at The Forum 4.00 Motor Sport F3000 5.00 US PGA Golf Tour

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Annie Oakley 12.30pm Long John Silver 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.55 Burke's Law 2.50 Spain Holiday 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.10pm Aerobics 1.40 *The Ultimate Stuntman* 2.35-5.00 *Film:* Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines 10.50 Film: The Double Man 12.50am Woody Allen: Mr Manhattan 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 The Midem Jazz Fusion Concert 5.00-5.30 This is America, Charlie Brown

BORDER

As London except: 1.10pm C U L 1.40 The Silk Road 2.40 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.35-5.00 Film: No Trace 10.55 Film: Letting Go 12.45am Kojak 1.40 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.35 America's Top Ten 5.05-5.30 Superboy

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.10pm World Sport Special 1.40 Film: You Know What Sailors Are 3.20-5.00 Film: Tommy the Toreador 10.50 Film: Still Crazy Like a Fox 12.40am Friday the 13th — The Series 1.35 Film: And Soon the Darkness 3.25 CinemAttractions 3.55 America's Top Ten 4.25-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA

As London except: 12.00-1.00 Roses Cricket 1.10pm The ITV Chart Show 2.05 Roses Cricket 3.40 Cartoon Time 3.55-5.00 Roses Cricket 5.15-5.30 Roses Cricket 10.55 Film: Letting Go (John Ritter, Sharon Gless) 12.45am Kojak 1.40 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.35 America's Top Ten 5.05-5.30 Superboy

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.10pm World Sport Special 1.40 Film: Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (Gil Gerard, Erin Gray) 3.30 Aerobic Championships 4.00-5.00 International Triathlon

SCOTTISH

As London except: 1.10pm NB — Don't Sit Down 1.40 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 2.05 The Munsters Today 2.35-5.00 Film: Follow Me, Boys! 12.40am Matlock 2.30 The Grand Ole Opry 3.00 CinemAttractions 3.30-5.30 Film: The Hasty Heart*

TSW

As London except: 1.40pm The South West Week 2.10 McCloud 3.40-5.00 Film: Child's Play 10.55 Film: Letting Go 12.45am Kojak 1.40 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.35 America's Top Ten 5.05-5.30 Superboy

TVS

As London except: 1.40pm Soccer in the 70s 2.10 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.05-5.00 Film: Crooks and Coronets 10.50 From Brighton With Laughs 11.50 Film: Fragment of Fear 1.40 America's Top Ten 2.10 CinemAttractions 2.40 John Lennon Live in New York City 3.40 Murphy's Law 4.35 Superboy 5.00-5.30 Rallycross

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.00-1.00 Roses Cricket 1.10pm The ITV Chart Show 2.05 Roses Cricket 3.40 Cartoon Time 3.55-5.00 Roses Cricket 5.15-5.30 Roses Cricket 10.55 Film: Letting Go 12.45am Kojak 1.40 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.35 America's Top Ten 5.05-5.30 Superboy

ULSTER

As London except: 1.10pm Aerobics 1.40 Film: The 7th Dawn 4.00-5.00 Highway to Heaven 10.50 Film: Letting Go 12.45am Kojak 1.40 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.05 CinemAttractions 4.35 America's Top Ten 5.05-5.30 Superboy

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.00-1.00 Roses Cricket 1.10 McCloud 2.10 Roses Cricket 3.40 Cartoon Time 3.55-5.00 Roses Cricket 5.15-5.30 Roses Cricket 10.50 Film: Not Quite Jerusalem Joanna Pacula, Sam Roberds, Kevin McNally) 1.05am Jake and the Fat Man 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Special Squad 4.50 Documentary 5.20-5.30 The Best in Football

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Comic Book 7.00 Crosstalk 7.30 High 5 8.00 Trans World Sport 9.00 News 9.04 C4 Racing 9.25 Slot Sadwrn 11.30 Australian Rules Football 12.30pm Kabadol 1.05 Film: Flight Command* 3.15 Racing from Newmarket 5.10 Brookside 6.30 The Wonder Years 7.00 Newyddion 7.10 Gemau Heb Ffiniau 8.35 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Frenhinol Cymru 9.35 Film Prick Up Your Ears 11.30 Profiles of Nature 12.00 Frank's Place 12.35am Manhattan Cable 1.20-2.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show

RTE 1

Starts: 11.20am Rocky Hollow 11.25 Ducktales 11.50 The Minikins 12.20pm Storybook International 12.45 Haydaze 1.10 Chips 2.05 News followed by The Disney Hour 2.55 Beyond 2000 3.45 Film. The Prisoner of Zenda 5.30 All Change 8.00 The Angelus 8.01 News 8.15 Star Trek. The Next Generation 7.10 The Dubliners Dublin 8.10 Film: Romancing the Stone 10.00 News 10.20 Van der Valk 12.10am The Ulster Hall Concerts... 1.05 News 1.10 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 1.35pm News 1.40 Sports Stadium 6.05 World of Audubon 6.00 Dramarama 6.30 Death Valley Days 7.00 Wings Over the World 8.00 News 8.05 All the Rivers Run 9.05 North View 9.55 Film: Remembrance of Love 11.35 Close

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Paul McKenna (FM only until 6.00am) 7.00 The Mark Goodier Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 Tell It Like It Is: Richard Skinner presents a celebration of New Orleans rhythm and blues 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 7.00 The Saturday Rock Show 10.00 In Concert: The Allman Brothers Band, recorded at the Hammersmith Odeon on June 25 (1 of 2) 11.00 John Peel (FM only after 12.00) 2.00-4.00am Tim Smith (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Alex Lester: The Early Show 8.00 Graham Knight 8.05 Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the Fifties 9.00 Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm Jimmy's Cricket Team 2.00 Ed Stewart 4.00 Acker's Away: Acker Bilk and the Paramount Jazz Band 4.30 Raymond Froggatt in Concert 5.00 Cinema 2 5.30 The Movie Quiz 6.00 Bob Sinfield: Songs for Swinging Sportsmen. Songs about the famous and the infamous (r) 7.00 The A B Seaside Quiz from Blackpool 7.30 Things are Swinging! Roy Castle hosts the opening concert of the Snape Proms from the Snape Concert Hall, Aldeburgh 9.30 Easy Does It 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am Brian Matthew: *Sounds of the Sixties (r) 1.00 Colin Berry with Night Ride* 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 3

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 News; Sport 9.00 On Your Marks: Simon Parkin visits the Dr Who exhibition at the Museum of the Moving Image, incl 10.00, 11.00 News; Sport 12.00 News and Sport; Sport on 4 Plus 1 (broadcast on Radio 4 at 9.05am) 12.30pm Sportscall: Win a day out at the David Lloyd Tennis Centre for under-14s. Tel: 0345 909883 1.30 Sport on 5, with Mark Saggers. Racing from Goodwood: (2.00) Vodapage Maiden Stakes; (2.30) Recal Chesterfield Cup; (3.10) Vodafone Nassau Stakes; Swimming: National Championships from Leeds; Motorcycling: final practice at Donington for tomorrow's British 500cc Grand Prix 5.00 News; As Radio 4 7.10 Cricket Scoreboard 7.15 Box 13: Romance in the Park. Vintage radio drama, starring Alan Ladd as Dan Holiday, a mystery writer in search of adventure 7.45 As Radio 4 10.00 Sports Bulletin 10.15 As Radio 4 11.00 Sport 11.15 Fanshawe on Five (r) 12.00-12.15am Sport

RADIO 4

All times in BST. 5.30am The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours Live; News Summary 8.30 From the Weeklies 8.45 A Mystical Music 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 World News 10.05 Waveguide 10.15 Worldorlet 10.30 Personal View 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.15 Letterbox 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 World News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Multitrack 3 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News Summary 3.01 Sportsworld 4.00 World News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 4.58 Travel News 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 5.14 Letter from America 6.29 News Summary 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 World News 8.05 Write On... 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Letterbox 8.45 From The Weeklies 9.00 World News 9.09 Personal View 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.05 Seeing Stars 11.20 Jazz for the Asking 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 World News 12.05am Words of Faith 12.10 Book Choice 12.15 A Jolly Good Show 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The Ken Bruce Show 2.00 News Summary 2.01 Play of the Week: Upstream! 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Musikmix in Britain 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent 4.35 Write On... 4.45 New and Features in German

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only) **6.55** Weather; News
7.00 Morning Concert: Szymanowski (Concert Overture in E); Roussel (Joueurs de flûtes); John Adams (Tromba Ionlana)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Haydn (Symphony No 53 in D, Imperial); Mozart (Concert aria, Or che il dover . . . Tali e cotanti sono, K 36); Stravinsky (Scènes de ballet)
8.30 News
8.35 Albion Wind Ensemble performs wind quintets from the last years of the 19th century, by Peter Muller and Claude Taffanel, and an arrangement by Gordon Davies of Debussy's Petite Suite (r)
9.30 Record Release: Mozart, reconstr Philip Wilby (Concerto in F, K 315f, for violin and piano — first movement: Amsterdam Mozart Players under Rainer Küssmaul, violin, Monika Leonhardt, piano); Trad (Were You There? Spiritual); Monteverdi (Maledetto sia l'aspetto); Galuppi (Evive ross bella: Roland Hayes, tenor, Reginald Boardman, piano); Coleridge Taylor (The Death of Minnehaha, Song of Hiawatha. Welsh NO Chorus and Orchestra under Kenneth Alwyn; Band Music of the American Civil War: Eastman Wind Ensemble under Frederick Fennell); Goehr (Sinfonia, Op 42: London Sinfonietta under Oliver Knussen); Paganini (Guitar Quartet in A minor: Anthea Gifford; Mozart String Trio)
11.30 Chamber Music from Birmingham: The pianist Joanna MacGregor plays Bartók (Suite, Out of Doors); Ligeti (Six Studies, Book 1, 1985); Rzewski (Winnsboro Cotton Mill Blues); Lindberg (Twine); Debussy (Twelve Studies, Nos 1, 7, 3, 9, 11, 5) (r)
12.50pm Table Talk: The conductor Thomas Bergmann talks to Leslie Forbes about the bohemian dumplings of his childhood (r) **1.00** News
1.05 Montserrat Caballé: The third of nine opera recordings by the Spanish soprano, in which he sings the title role in Donizetti's *Lucrezia Borgia*, based on Victor Hugo's play, in a performance by the RCA Italiana Opera Chorus and Orchestra under Jonel Perlea. Sung in Italian. Prologue and Act 1. **2.40** Interval Talk. **2.45** Act 2
3.30 Russian Cello Music: Jacopo Scelfi, cello, Julius Drake, piano, perform Tchaikovsky (Valse sentimentale, Op 51 No 6); Shostakovich (Moderato; Sonata in D minor, Op 40)
4.05 BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis performs John Casken (Tableaux des trois ages); Hugh Wood (Symphony)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests
5.45 Mozart on Record: Colin Lawson examines why, in the past 60 years, there have been more than 40 recordings of the Serenade in B flat, K 361 (r)
6.45 William Howard: The pianist plays Dvořák (Three Waltzes from 54); Miloslav Istvan (Sonata No 3 — first broadcast); Suk (About Mother, Op 28)
7.30 Proms 1991: Live from the Albert Hall, London. National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain under David Atherton performs Walton (Viola Concerto: Yuri Bashmet). **7.55** The singer Galina Vishnevskaya recalls the siege of Leningrad and discusses the impact of Shostakovich's music. **8.20** Shostakovich (Symphony No 7, Leningrad) (simultaneous broadcast with BBC2)
9.45 Snapshots for Ever: Old Woman Reading, 1924. The third of six programmes in which Adrian Rifkin, lecturer in design at Portsmouth polytechnic, reflects on a seminal photograph
10.00 Kuijken Quartet performs Bach (Trio Sonata No 1 in G, after BWV 525); Buxtehude (Trio Sonata in B flat, Op 1 No 4); Goldberg (Trio Sonata in C); Bach (Flute Partita in A minor, BWV 1013); Leclair (Deuxième recréation de musique) (r)
11.20 Summer Music Society of Dorset: Talks Scholars under Peter Phillips perform Tchaikovsky (Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, Op 41 — excerpts); Rachmaninov (The Lord's Prayer, Op 31); John Tavener (Let Not the Prince Be Silent — first performance)
12.00 News **12.05am** Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.55, 8.55** Weather **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4, with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway, with Ken Bruce
10.00 News; Beachcomber . . . by the Way: The further adventures of the characters created by the humorist J.B. Morton (s)
10.30 Families and How to Survive Them: The Astonishing Stuffed Rabbit — and Depression (4 of 6) (s) (r)
11.00 News; Talking Politics (new series): Chris Lowe compares the French system of local government in Bordeaux with that of Bristol, Bordeaux's British twin
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent: Reflections of life and politics abroad
12.00 Money Box Moneycheck: The *Money Box* roadshow dispenses financial advice at the Howden Park Centre in Livingston, West Lothian
12.25pm The News Quiz: Barry Took quizzes Alan Coren, Richard Ingrams and guests on the week's events (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 The Moral Maze: Michael Buerk chairs an investigation into the moral questions behind the week's news (s) (r) **

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BBC 1

6.45 Open University. Ends at 8.50
8.55 Playdays (r) **9.15 Movable Feasts.** Children's multi-faith drama-documentary series (r)
9.30 This is the Day. Linda Mary Evans and fashion pattern maker Gwen Caesar explore the theme of God our creator
10.00 Film: Sword of Sherwood Forest (1960) Kevin Costner might as well ride off through the glen – Richard Greene (here repeating his television role) cuts a much better figure in green tights. Enjoyable adventure from the Hammer studio with Robin Hood stumbling on a plot to murder the Archbishop of Canterbury. With Peter Cushing as the Sheriff of Nottingham and Niall MacGinnis as Friar Tuck. Directed by Terence Fisher
11.15 Peaceable Kingdom. Drama series about the director of Los Angeles zoo, starring Lindsay Wagner (r)
12.05 Sign Extra: Nature: Raiders of the Last Orchid. A behind-the-scenes look at the illegal trade in plants, including orchid smuggling in Thailand and cactus rustling in Arizona. With sign language and subtitles
12.30 Country File presented by John Craven **12.55 Weather**
1.00 News followed by **Speaking Volumes.** P.D. James invites Andrew Davies, Frederic Lindsay and Maggie Gee to review the latest paperback releases and Brian Aldiss reveals the strange world of the science fiction writer
1.45 Betty Boop Triple Bill. Cartoon fun **2.00 EastEnders** (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Dallas. JR is forced to accept that Shelley is the owner of Ewing Oil and is shattered by the news that she has become his daughter-in-law. (Ceefax)
3.45 Film: Rio Lobo (1970). John Wayne stars in this minor but likeable western about a former Union colonel determined to find two Yankee traitors who were responsible for the death of his best friend. With Jennifer O'Neill and Jack Elam. The last film of its distinguished director, Howard Hawks, with borrowings from his *Rio Bravo*. (Ceefax) **5.35 Cartoon**
5.45 Safari UK: The Living Isles – Island Waters. Julian Pettifer continues his natural history of the British Isles by taking an underwater voyage of exploration from the Arctic waters off Shetland to the warm southwest (r). (Ceefax)
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
6.40 Titchmarsh's Travels. Alan Titchmarsh visits the Norfolk village of Walsingham. Music is provided by Sal Solo and the King's Lynn Musical Society
7.15 Butterflies. Carla Lane's bitter-sweet sitcom about a wife and mother (Wendy Craig) facing a mid-life crisis (r). (Ceefax)
7.45 Around the World in 80 Days. Michael Palin has to sign on as a deckhand to gain passage to Singapore via India (r). (Ceefax)
8.35 For Those I Loved. The final part of the mini-series about one man taking the horrors of destiny head-on reaches the terror of the Warsaw ghetto and the nazi holocaust. Starring Michael York and Brigitte Fossey. (Ceefax)
10.10 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather



Convert: Karen (centre) and fellow disciples of Jesus (10.25pm)

10.25 Everyman: Thank You Jesus, Thank You Lord.
● CHOICE: At a time when 90 per cent of the population rarely goes near a church, the Pentecostal Kensington Temple in London has five services every Sunday attended by more than 5,000 people. Moreover, despite its relentlessly matey Radio 1 style, the church preaches an unyielding traditional morality which condemns divorce, pre-marital sex, abortion and homosexuality. Charlotte Metcalf's film explores the church's appeal through the experiences of some of its disciples. Karen made £1,000 a day peddling drugs until God spoke to her and told her to mend her ways. Now she is a minister at the temple. Marie Lou's husband of 18 years left her for a young Australian and she was literally dying of a broken heart when she found Jesus. The faith of these people is total, even when they take to the streets and are accused by the unconverted of being blinkered reactionaries. (Ceefax)
11.05 The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd. Blair Brown stars in this sitcom about a single girl in a man's world
11.30 When in Germany: Munich. Jeff Cook and Erika Neukirchen explore the Bavarian capital which hosts Germany's famous beer festival (r). Wales: 11.30 Business Matters. 12.00 When in Germany. 12.30 News and weather. Ends at 12.35
12.00 Mahabharat. Episode 57 (r)
12.40am Weather

BBC 2

6.35 Open University: Nuclear Weapons – Arms Control **7.00** Halogens and Noble Gases **7.25** Calculus: Geometric Vectors **7.50** Cast in the Right Mould **8.15** Raising Sons and Daughters **8.40** Light, the Recorder **9.05** Motion: Newton's Law **9.30** Are Four Colours Sufficient? **9.55** Other Virtuosos **10.20** Projecting Visions **10.45** Modelling Stock Control **11.10** Open Forum Magazine: News and Views on Higher Education and the Open University **11.35** Rabbits and Chalk Grasslands
12.00 The Power of Music. Paul McCartney introduces three case histories that seem to prove the healing qualities of music and music therapy (r) **1.00 Open University:** Curriculum and Learning – Testing Teachers?
1.25 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **1.30** and **6.00** Motorcycling: the Shell British grand prix from Donington. The commentators are Murray Walker, Barry Nutley and Roger Burnett; **3.35** Show Jumping: the Silk Cut Derby from Hickstead. With commentary from Raymond Brooks-Ward and Stephen Hedley; **5.15** Swimming: the Optrex national championships from Leeds. The action is described by Hamilton Bland and Andy Jameson
6.30 One Man and His Dog. Scottish handlers get their chance to manouevre sheep around the course with the help of a faithful collie. The competitors are Stuart Davidson with Craig, Allan Common and Dan and shepherdess Julie Deptford with Gwen. Ray Ollerenshaw commentates, and presenter Phil Drabble takes it all very seriously
7.15 The Natural World: Great Rift – Footprints in the Valley. The Great Rift Valley is the largest rupture on the surface of the Earth, stretching 4,500 miles from Lebanon down through East Africa to the Mozambique Channel. It contains the majority of fossil evidence of early man, suggesting it is the birthplace of *homo sapiens*, who ventured away to prosper on other continents. Despite its age, however, the valley is not dormant, with active volcanoes, ice-capped mountains and deep forest along its flanks. This has led to an abundance of wildlife, such as giant forest hogs and salt-mining elephants, with the creatures still adapting to prosper in their environment. The first of this three-part documentary looks at the effect of the Great Rift Valley on the evolution of life on planet Earth (r)
8.10 The Redemption Song: Following Fidel. Stuart Hall's exploration of the Caribbean reaches Cuba, the most independent of all the island states. In one of the last bastions of revolutionary communism, Castro's state machinery continues to dominate all aspects of life, with marriage being seen as a duty to the country. Couples are given a state trousseau, complete with knickers and nightie, and are wed in the Palace of Marriages, where the vows include a promise to be good married citizens. With accommodation hard to come by, the couples often find themselves spending their intimate moments in passadas, special bedrooms that hire by the hour for trysting. But sudden ardour can often be dampened by the lengthy queues of lovers eager to use the facilities. (Ceefax)
9.00 John Sessions' Tall Tales. The ad hoc thespian improvises his way through some more flights of fancy (r)
9.25 British Motorcycle Grand Prix. Highlights of today's race from Donington, with commentary by Murray Walker, Barry Nutley and Roger Burnett



Tracking a killer: William Petersen as an ex-FBI man (10.10pm)

10.10 Moviedrome. Alex Cox introduces **Manhunter** (1986). Sharp and piercing psycho-thriller from director Michael Mann, about a retired psychic detective being persuaded to track down a serial killer. The fear of the hunter grows as the step he is behind the psychopathic "tooth fairy" murderer gets shorter and shorter, with the massacres becoming increasingly horrific. Although the movie runs over similar ground to *The Silence of the Lambs*, the whole is done with a more introverted sheen, and is carried swiftly along by an excellent cast including William Peterson, Kim Griest, Joan Allen and Brian Cox. (Ceefax). Ends at **12.10am**

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Film: The Brave Little Tailor (1989). A Czech version of the Brothers Grimm tale. Directed by Dusan Trančik
10.45 Link. Kevin Mulhern investigates a course to help disabled women to become more assertive
11.00 Morning Worship from St Andrew's Street Baptist Church, Cambridge
12.00 An Invitation to Remember. A profile of the late actor and director Sir Anthony Quayle
12.25 Way of the Lakes. Tony Warburton shows viewers the beauties of the Lake District National Park **12.55 LWT News** and weather
1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather
1.10 Breadline Britain. How do people manage when the mainstay of their income is state benefits?
1.40 World Sport Special. Magazine for armchair sport enthusiasts
2.10 The Big Valley. Barbara Stanwyck continues running her affairs on the wild west ranch. With Lee Majors and Linda Evans
3.10 The London Match featuring the Makita International Football Championship. Jim Rosenthal introduces the final of the pre-season football tournament
5.35 City Safari: Of Eels and Seagulls. Not all kinds of wildlife are welcome in cities – seagulls exploit rubbish tips, and ants and rats can spread disease. Gavin Weightman narrates (r)
6.05 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **6.10 LWT News** and weather
6.15 Faith in the Future. Only a tenth of Britons attend church regularly, and some say that religion is incompatible with modern life. But in America, television evangelists have ridden a boom since the Eighties. And with nearly three-quarters of the British people claiming to have some belief, is there scope for a similar resurgence on this side of the Atlantic?
7.15 Watching. Paul Bown, Emma Wray and Liza Tarbuck star in the tepid sitcom about an on-off romance (r). (Oracle)
7.45 Great Expectations. Episode three of John Goldsmith's sympathetic adaptation of the Dickens novel. Pip goes to live with Mr Jaggers in London. (Oracle)
8.45 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **9.00 LWT Weather**



Foul play: Michael Winner presents a "howdunit" (9.05pm)

9.05 Michael Winner's True Crimes.
● CHOICE: Everyone, it seems, is trying to fill the shoes of the late Edgar Lustgarten, whose gripping narrations of famous crimes are still fondly remembered by those of a certain age. After *Crimewatch File*, Ludovic Kennedy's *Indelible Evidence* and a recent foray by Edward Woodward, the latest candidate for the Lustgarten role is the cigar-chewing film director Michael Winner. In a pilot for a possible series he reconstructs the 1989 case of the blackmailer who implanted razor blades and caustic soda into jars of baby food. Winner has little more to do than read a script but the format looks promising. Wisely, the show does not call upon policemen to play themselves and assigns all the parts to actors. The storyline is crisp and clear and it helps that we know the identity of the criminal from the start. This is not a whodunit but a howdunit and a will-he-get-away-with-it, a far more interesting proposition. (Oracle)
9.35 The Dame Edna Experience. The Melbourne megastar rubs shoulders with Tony Curtis, Grace Jones and heart transplant pioneer Christiaan Barnard (r). (Oracle)
10.25 Sex Now. Yvonne Roberts presents the adult education series on the evolution of sexual habits in Britain since the Fifties. (Oracle)
10.55 The River Thames. Gavin Weightman looks at the conflict between road and river traffic in the capital
11.25 The ITV Chart Show (r)
12.25am New Music. More celebrity interviews and pop videos
1.25 Hodson Confidential. In the first of a new series Philip Hodson examines prostitution and tolerance
1.55 Police Precinct. Inspector Versini is conned into buying a stolen car
2.55 Film: A Bell for Adano (1945, b/w). Nicely handled second world war story about an American major who wins the hearts of the inhabitants of a small Italian town. Stars John Hodiak and Gene Tierney, directed by Henry King
4.50 Spectacular Sportsbloopers & Fab Fouls. Sporting mishaps
5.05 The Magic Wok. Chinese culinary delights
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) **7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Alfred J Kwak 8.00 Sharky and George 8.30 Raiders of the South Seas. Children's drama series 8.55 Kid 'n' Play.** The animated adventures of two characters from the film *House Party*
9.25 The Sword of Tipu Sultan. An Indian drama series set in 18th century Mysore. In Hindi with English subtitles
10.00 Dispatches: Mr Major's No 10. Sue Cameron presents a report from inside 10 Downing Street, filmed during one of the most difficult months in John Major's premiership. It includes the first fly-on-the-wall film of the cabinet in session (r)
10.45 Dennis. Cartoon about a mischievous young tearaway
11.00 The Beverly Hillbillies (b/w). Vintage American comedy **11.30 The Lone Ranger** (b/w). Western adventures **12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea** (b/w)
2.00 Film: All This and Heaven Too (1940, b/w). Effective star vehicle for Bette Davis. She plays the governess of a 19th century French duke (Charles Boyer) who unintentionally incurs the wrath of his insanely jealous wife (Barbara O'Neil) – with tragic results. Directed by Anatole Litvak
4.35 L'Ecole des Facteurs (b/w). Award-winning short comedy, directed by and starring Jacques Tati as a bicycling postman aiming to deliver the mail in record time (r) **4.55 News** summary and weather
5.00 Family Pride. Birmingham-set Asian soap opera
5.30 Wincanton Classic '91. Britain's leading single day cycle race, a distance of 145 miles, starting and finishing in front of Brighton's Royal Pavilion
6.30 The Cosby Show. Award-winning American sitcom
7.00 Fragile Earth: To Kill a Whale. A look at the bloody slaughtering of hundreds of pilot whales on the beaches of the Faroe Islands. (Teletext)



Sophie's choice: Stephen Dillon and Joan Plowright (8.00pm)

8.00 By Herself: Sophie.
● CHOICE: Conceived and directed by an American, Dons Chase, *By Herself* is a quartet of short dramas featuring "dynamic, intelligent" older women. It is launched with Julia Kearsley's study of Sophie (Joan Plowright), who has left her husband and scrapes a living in a dreary bedsit. In what is essentially a two-hander, punctuated by brief flashbacks, she is visited by her son (Stephen Dillon), who tries to persuade her to return home. There follows an acerbic and recriminatory review of the family's history, which takes in the unfaithful husband, another son turned out of the house for drinking and confessions from Sophie herself. The piece is shrewdly written and skilfully acted but seems to need more than half an hour. Next week's *By Herself* features the Austrian-born Luise Rainer, who won two successive Hollywood Oscars in the Thirties but has done little acting since
8.30 Diary Of a Modern Country Parson. Documentary charting a week in the life of the Rev Nicholas Martin, rector of five parishes in Norfolk. His routine is contrasted with that of earlier parsons through extracts from works by George Herbert and Parson Woodforde's *Diary of a Country Parson*
9.30 Go Fishing. Angler John Wilson continues his journey through southern India in search of the mighty mahseer
10.00 Film: Distant Voices, Still Lives (1988).
● CHOICE: The writer/director Terence Davies drew on his own family background for this uncompromising portrait of working-class life in Liverpool during the Forties and Fifties. It is an honest and painful film, leavened by humour, which confirmed Davies as one of the British cinema's outstanding talents. *Distant Voices, Still Lives* is built round a series of marriages, of which it takes a strikingly unsentimental view. Domestic violence, Davies suggests, was almost part of the fabric of northern working-class culture. At the same time there was a solidity and richness and hope kept breaking through. Davies develops his theme with sharply observed detail and deliberately avoids the chocolate box colours which can turn such exercises into cosy nostalgia. He is well served by a non-star cast, headed by Freda Dowie and Pete Postlethwaite as the mother and her brutal husband. (Teletext)
11.40 The Street. Police drama following the fortunes of four New Jersey officers
12.05am Fathers and Sons. Penultimate episode of the four-part drama following two German dynasties over three generations. With Burt Lancaster, Julie Christie and Bruno Ganz (r). Ends at **2.30**

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.00 Journeys 12.40pm-1.00 Farming Diary 1.10 Max Bygraves 2.10 Guinness Records 2.35 Yacht Racing 3.05 Film: King Solomon's Treasure 4.40 Hard Time on Planet Earth 5.35-6.05 Heirloom 10.55 Film: Tommy 1.00 Elvis' Good Rockin' Tonight 1.30 CinemAttractions 2.00 Film: Goodbye Little One 3.35 Vivid 4.05 Top Ten 4.35-5.30 Silk Road

BORDER
As London except: 12.00 An Invitation to Remember: Lionel Jeffries 12.30-1.00 Gardening Time 1.10 Who's The Boss? 1.40 Trainsworld Venture 2.40 Film: Turn the Key Softly 4.10 Highway to Heaven 5.05 Great British Isles 5.35-6.05 The River Thames 10.55 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.50 Alfred Hitchcock 12.20 Quiz Night 12.45 Triathlon 1.45 Film: The Sun Also Rises 4.10 Chart Show 5.00-5.30 Jobs

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.00 Encounter 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.10 Beyond 2000 1.40 Baseball 2.40 Film: Asterix the Gaul 4.00 Film: Jumping for Joy 5.35-6.05 Wheel of Fortune 10.55 Film: Doctor in Love (Michael Craig, Leslie Phillips) 12.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.40 Film: Informers 3.35 Chart Show 4.30-5.30 Jobs

GRANADA
As London except: 12.00 An Invitation to Remember: Dame Anna Neagle 12.25pm-1.00 Young Up Front 1.10 The Wonderful World of Disney 2.00 Santa Barbara 2.55 New Candid Camera 3.25 Film: Another Time, Another Place 5.10-6.05 Coronation Street 10.55 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.50 Married with Children 12.20 Quiz Night 12.45 Triathlon 1.45 Film: The Sun Also Rises 4.10 The ITV Chart Show 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.00 The Entertainers 12.30-1.00 Portrait of the Wild 1.10 Heidi 2.00 Looking Back 2.30 HTV Newsweek 3.00 Film: Devil's Bait" 4.05 Something to Treasure 4.35 International Yacht Racing 5.05-6.05 Horse Trials 10.55-11.25 Katts and Dog

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.30 -1.00, Survival – The First 30 Years 2.00 Farming Wales 2.30-3.00 Wales on Sunday

TSW
As London except: 12.00 Cover Story (Ashford and Simpson) 12.30pm-1.00 TSW Farming Week 1.10 Coronation Street 2.05 Off the Hook 2.35 Hard Time on Planet Earth 3.30 Film: Murder Without Crime" 5.05 Coach 5.35-6.05 The TSW Documentary: The Race 10.55 Film: Hearts of the Very Rich 12.20 Quiz Night 12.45 Triathlon 1.45 Film: The Sun Also Rises 4.10 The ITV Chart Show 5.00-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS
As London except: 12.00 An Invitation to Remember: Glenda Jackson 12.30pm-1.00 TVS News followed by Jack Thompson Down Under 1.10 An Englishman's Home 1.55 The Count of Monte Cristo 2.55 Film: Doctor at Large 4.40 Cartoon Time 5.05 Guinness Records 5.35-6.05 Heirloom 10.55 The Human Factor 11.25 What if I'm Gay? 12.20 The ITV Chart Show 1.20 Film: Mantrap" 2.50 Rock 'n' Roll Summit 3.50 Out of Limits 4.00 The Hitmen and Her 5.00-5.30 A Taste of the South

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.00-1.00pm Beyond 2000 1.10 Way of the Lakes 1.40 Highway to Heaven 2.40 Film: Tiger Bay 4.40 Bullseye 5.10-6.05 Coronation Street 10.55 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.50 Coach 12.20 Quiz Night 12.45 Triathlon 1.45 Film: The Sun Also Rises 4.10 Chart Show 5.00-5.30 Jobs

ULSTER
As London except: 12.00 An Invitation to Remember: Robert Morley 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.10 American Century 2.10 Make It Pay 3.10 Film: The Great British Train Robbery 4.40 Rally Ireland 5.10-6.05 Coronation Street 10.55 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.50 Ulster Hall Concerts 12.20 Quiz Night 12.45 Triathlon 1.45 Film: The Sun Also Rises 4.10 Chart Show 5.00-5.30 Jobs

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.00 Peppino 12.25pm Heidi in Town 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 1.10 World of Disney 2.10 Grizzly Adams 3.05 Film: Secret Life of Walter Mitty 5.05-6.05 Count of Monte Cristo 10.55 Wallenburg: The Lost Hero 12.40 Alfred Hitchcock 1.05 Twilight Zone 1.35 Chart Show 2.30 Stephen King's This is Horror 2.55 Righteous Brothers 3.55 The Chef's Apprentice 4.25-5.30 Jobfinder

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Starts: 6.00am Trans World Sport 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Alfred J. Kwak 8.00 Sharky and George 8.30 Raiders of the South Seas 8.55 Kid 'n' Play 9.25 The Adventures of TinTin 9.30 Fragile Earth 10.30 Estediddod Genedlaethol Frenhinol Cymru, Bro Delyn 1991 11.20 Pay Day 11.45 Painted Tales 12.00 The Waltons 12.55 The Three Stooges" 1.15 O Bedwar Ban 1.30 Europe Express 2.00 Fragile Earth 3.001 Travellers' Tales 4.15 Film: A Case for PC49" 5.30 The Wincanton Classic 1991 6.30 Insects 6.35 The Marshall Chronicles 7.05 Newyddion 7.10 Camleol Cymru 7.25 Hel Straeon 7.55 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Frenhinol Cymru 9.05 Daniel Owen 10.00 Film On 4: Distant Voices, Still Lives 11.40 The Street 12.05 Fathers and Sons 2.30 Dwedd

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Bailey's Bird 6.30 Castaway 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Hour of Power 12.00 That's Incredible 1.00pm The New Adventures of Wonder Woman 2.00 All American Wrestling 3.00 Those Amazing Animals 4.00 The Love Boat 5.00 Hey Dad 5.30 Sky Star Search 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Holocaust: First of a four-part mini series 11.00 Falcon Crest 12.00 Entertainment Tonight 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 9.30 Dayone 10.30 Those Were the Days 11.30 Holiday Destinations 12.30pm Financial Times Business Weekly 1.30pm Target 2.30 Roving Report 3.30 The Lords 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Roving Report 7.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 8.30 Target 10.30 Roving Report 11.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 12.30am Target 1.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 Holiday Destinations 4.30 Health Circuit

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase. Incl at 7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Funny Farm (1988). An urban couple leaves the big city for the apparent peace of the country. Starring Chevy Chase
10.00 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1988): Michael Caine and Steve Martin star as two con-men working the French Riviera
12.00 Dead Poets Society (1989): A maverick English teacher inspires his students. Starring Robin Williams
2.10pm Curse of the Pink Panther (1982). Ted Wass takes over as an incompetent sleuth, whose lack of expertise exceeds even that of his predecessor, Clouseau
4.00 Arthur 2 on the Rocks (1988). In the sequel to *Arthur*, Dudley Moore reprises his role as the diminutive drunk and has to contemplate finding a job
6.00 Iron Eagle II (1988): A joint US/Soviet mission has to destroy a weapons centre in the Middle East. Starring Louis Gossett Jr
7.40 Projector
8.00 Cocktail (1988): Tom Cruise learns the bar-tending trade from veteran Bryan Brown
10.00 Parker Kane (1989): A private eye goes undercover to investigate the death of his best friend. Starring Jeff Fahey
11.40 Cellar Dweller (1987): A bloodthirsty beast springs to life from the pages of a comic book. Starring Debrah Mullowney
1.00am Little Girl Lost (1988): A foster family fight for custody of their adopted daughter when she is handed back to the father who abuses her. Starring Tess Harper
2.35 Lethal Pursuit (1987): A girl falls in love again with her former boyfriend and discovers that he is not the man she once knew. Starring Mitzi Donahue
4.05 Hiding Out (1988): A bonds trader disguises himself as a high school student when he fails foul of the Mob. Starring Jon Cryer. Ends at 5.45

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.15am Seven Sinners (1940, b/w): Singer Marlene Dietrich ensnares sailor John Wayne
8.15 Rockin' With Judy Jetson: Judy Jetson tries to save the world from the evil Felonia, who wants to banish music from the universe
10.15 Five Golden Dragons (1967). A naive American is caught up in an international crime ring in Hong Kong. Starring Bob Cummings, Christopher Lee
12.15pm The Naked Prey (1966): A hunter becomes the prey when he is captured by an African tribe
2.15 The New Adventures of Pippi Longstocking (1988): The heroine of Astrid Lindgren's popular children's books comes to the screen. Starring Tami Erin
4.15 Top Cat and the Beverly Hills Cats: Animated adventures when Top Cat and the alley gang inherit a Beverly Hills mansion and join the fat cats
6.15 Who's Harry Crumb? (1989): An accident-prone detective is assigned to a kidnapping case. Starring John Candy
8.15 Little Nikita (1988): An American teenager is faced with a conflict of loyalties when he discovers that his parents are Soviet agents. Starring River Phoenix
10.15 Say Anything (1989): A beautiful and brilliant high school student (Ione Skye) falls in love with an unambitious fellow student (John Cusack), despite her father's opposition
12.00 The Main Event (1979) A lady entrepreneur steps into the ring to take on a prize-fighter. Starring Barbra Streisand, Ryan O'Neal
1.50am Steal the Sky (1988) The Israeli secret service recruits a beautiful American servicewoman to seduce an Iraqi into defecting. Starring Mariel Hemingway
4.05 Mortuary Academy (1988) Two brothers stand to inherit a fortune from their late uncle if they graduate with honours from the Mortuary Academy. Starring Paul Bartel. Ends at 5.30

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 8.00am Australian Rules Football 10.00 Classic Cup Final Football 12.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 1.00pm Live Refuge Assurance League Cricket 6.15 The Berlin Bowl 8.00 Classic Cup Final Football 10.00 BOC Yachting Special 11.30 The Berlin Bowl 1.15am Classic Cup Final Football

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite. 8.00am Trans World Sport 9.00 Sunday Alive: Tennis – French Open, Motorcycling: British Grand Prix from Donnington 5.00 Funboard from Tarifa, Spain 5.30 Motorcycling British Grand Prix 7.30 Tennis: French Open 9.30 Motorcycling British Grand Prix 11.00 Boxing

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Correstates US Pro Cycling 8.00 Baseball 10.00 Copa America Review 1991 12.00 Inside Track 1.00pm Weekend Live Volvo PGA European Golf Tour 4.00 Gol 5.00 Motor Sport 5.30 Revs 7.00 Motor Sport Indy Car 9.00 Weekend Live US PGA Golf Tour 11.00 Tenpin Bowling

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Annie Oakley 12.30pm Long John Silver 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.55 Burke's Law 2.50 Spam Cuisine 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 Green Hornet 4.25 Film: Threo for the Road 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather
7.00 Morning Concert: Brahms (Tragic Overture); Menotti (Ballet, Errand into the Maze)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Bach (English Suite No 2 in A minor, BWV 807), Michel Corrette (Les Sauvages et la Furstemberg, Concerto comique No 25); Fauré (Piano Trio in D minor, Op 120)
8.30 News
8.35 Maestro de' concerti: Maestro di coro. Vivaldi (Motet, In turbata mare, RV 627; Sinfonia, al Sancto Sepolcro, RV 169; Psalm 113, Laudate pueri Dominum, RV 602)
9.15 Violin bel canto: The Art of Alfredo Campoli. The first in a series of six programmes on the violinist's recordings. Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor: LPO under Eduard van Beinum); Saint-Saëns (Violin Concerto No 3 in B minor. LSO under Pierino Gamba)
1.15 Prom Talk: Anthony Burton presents highlights of music and musicians featured in this year's Proms. Roger Nonnington on editions of Mozart; Xenakis and the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra; and interviews with Magnus Lindberg and David Sawer
1.45 A Modest Profession: The seventh of 12 programmes celebrating the recording career of the conductor Antal Dorati. Haydn (Symphony No 45 in F sharp minor: Philharmonia Hungarica); Kodály (Dances from Galanta: Philharmonia Hungarica); Bartók (Suite, The Miraculous Mandarin: BBC SO), Haydn (La fedeltà premiata, excerpts: Lausanne SO, with Frederica von Stade, mezzo, Maurizio Mazzieri, baritone); Gerhard (Symphony No 1: BBC SO)
3pm Replay, with Philip French. In a broadcast first made in 1954, Evelyn Waugh talks about Alfred Duggan
3 News
3.05 Your Concert Choice, with Paul Guinery. Haydn (Symphony No 55 in E flat, Schoolmaster: Philharmonia Hungarica), Griffes (Three Poems of Fiona MacLeod, Op 11: Boston SO); Busoni (Four Studies, Op 16); Hurford (Litany to the Holy Spirit: Chester Cathedral Choir); Mahler (Suite from orchestral works by J.S. Bach: Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra)
2.30 Flieder Trio performs Mozart (Piano Quartet in E flat, K 493); Françaix (String Trio); Dvořák (Piano Quartet No 2 in E flat, Op 87: Walter Delahunt)
3.50 Olivier Messiaen (Turangalîla Symphony: Suisse Romande Orchestra under Horst Stein)
5.15 Opera News, with James Naughtie
6.00 The North German Organ: In the first of six programmes recorded on the early instruments of Ost-Friesland, Graham Barber plays 15th-century sacred music on the organs at Uttum and Marienhafe
6.45 Schubert (Quartet in G, D 887: Melos Quartet of Stuttgart) (r)
7.30 Proms 1991: The BBC SO, BBC Symphony Chorus and the BBC Singers under Andrew Davis perform Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*. With soloists Alfreda Hodgson, Gianna Rolandi, Laurence Dale, Håkan Hagegård, Margaret Faeviour. Part two at 8.55
● CHOICE: After tonight, oratorio-lovers (especially in the valleys of South Wales, where this oratorio takes second place only to *Messiah*) will never again need to complain: "When, oh when, will the Proms get around to *Elijah*?". When Andrew Davis faces the vast orchestral and choral forces in the Albert Hall, it will be a moment for the history books, and the historic nature of the occasion will surely not be lost on Roger Nichols, whose interval feature (at 8.35) will recall Mendelssohn conducting the first performance of *Elijah* in Birmingham, in August 1846
10.10 Sunday Play: Don't Play with Love. The second of two dramatic proverbs by Alfred de Musset, in a new translation by Michael Sadler. The Baron (Robert Lang) hopes that his son Perdican (Stephen Tompkinson) will marry his cousin and childhood sweetheart Camille (Sophie Thompson) on his return from university in Paris. Perdican is happy to comply, although Camille has other ideas
12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday **6.55** Weather
7.00 News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** The Living World: Wicken Fen in Cambridgeshire (r) **7.40** Sunday, incl **7.55** Weather
8.00 News **8.10** Sunday Papers **8.50** John Alderton speaks for the *Week's Good Cause* on behalf of the Derbyshire Centre for Integrated Living, a pioneering resource centre for disabled people **8.55** Weather
9.00 News **9.10** Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from Epsom Methodist Church, Surrey
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand, with Hugh Pryser-Jones
11.30 Pick of the Week (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Baroness Trumpington (s) (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Riding Mill Women's Institute in Northumberland put their queries to the experts
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: Song of the Forest. Tina Pepler's 1990 Giles Cooper Award-winning play. The dreams and longings of a paralysed girl are interwoven with those of Jacu, the capuchin monkey trained to help her with simple tasks, who, in a previous incarnation, was a South American Indian girl (s) (r)
3.45 Beyond Recall
● CHOICE: Alex Ferguson, former headmaster, having examined the pre-1914 logbooks of a South Shields all-ages school, reconstructs classroom life, and is pleased to report on thriving Edwardian values such as stability, certainty and an acceptance of the seasons. Had he not also taken into account the tough nature of the pupils' social environment, we might have dismissed him as just another old sentimentalist. His contempt for modern education may be well founded, but it would, perhaps, have been better if he had left it to us to make our own comparisons with what he calls "the years of grace"
4.00 News; Arthur – the King: Merlin. The first of Graeme Fife's seven-part sword-and-sorcery tale, set in the mythical kingdom of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table (s) (r)
4.47 Time for Verse: Ken Smith reads at the Bête Noire Poetry Festival in Hull (s)
5.00 News; Down Your Way: Gordon Beningfield visits the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks and St James's Park
5.40 Letters from the Sticks: AD2000 and All That. David Bean dispatches the last of his personal reports on rural life **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News **6.15** Feedback (r)
6.30 Fine Tuning: Piano tuner George Jacques talks to Chris Stewart about the quirks of his unusual career (r)
7.00 Against the State: In the sixth of eight studies in sedition and rebellion, Brian Redhead examines the influence of Marx and Freud on the 20th century (s) (r)
7.30 A Good Read (s) (r)
8.00 Punters (r)
8.40 Reading Aloud: Journey Home to Mother Gonga. Written and read by Carolyn Nandy (s)
9.00 News; Enquire Within (r)
9.15 The Natural History Programme (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Amazon Watershed: In the second of a three-part investigation into the destruction of the world's greatest ecosystem, George Monbiot reveals an enormous military project in Amazonia (r)
11.00 Antony Hopkins Talking About Music (1 of 7) (s) (r)
11.30 Seeds of Faith: The Exciting Language of Prayer. In the last of three meditations, Sylvia Sands considers the theme "prayer is a way of life"
12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping

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RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Paul McKenna (FM only until 6.00am) **7.00** The Mark Goodier Breakfast Show **9.30** Dave Lee Travis **12.30pm** Pick of the Pops: The Top 20 charts of 1968, 1979 and 1986 **2.30** The Radio 1 Sunday Roadshow, with Mike Read from Powderham Castle, Exeter **4.30** The Complete UK Top 40 **7.00** Anne Nightingale's Request Show **9.00** Andy Kershaw **11.00** John Peel (FM only after 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Tim Smith (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **4.00am** David Allen **6.00** Graham Knight **7.30** Don Maclean says Good Morning Sunday **9.05** Richard Baker with Melodies for You **11.00** Des

Citizen's charter envied by Bush

From MARTIN FLETCHER
IN WASHINGTON

JOHN Major is not alone in hoping his new citizen's charter will prove an election-winner. Some White House officials believe it could also contribute to President Bush's likely re-election in 1992.

The document has been seized on by Mr Bush's domestic policy advisers, who obtained copies from the British embassy. "We are watching it, reading it, getting information about it and following it with considerable interest," one said yesterday.

"It starts with the premise that government serves the people and not the other way round. What Major is doing is really a brilliant form of accountability, making clear the government is there to carry out responsibilities in a way that's effective."

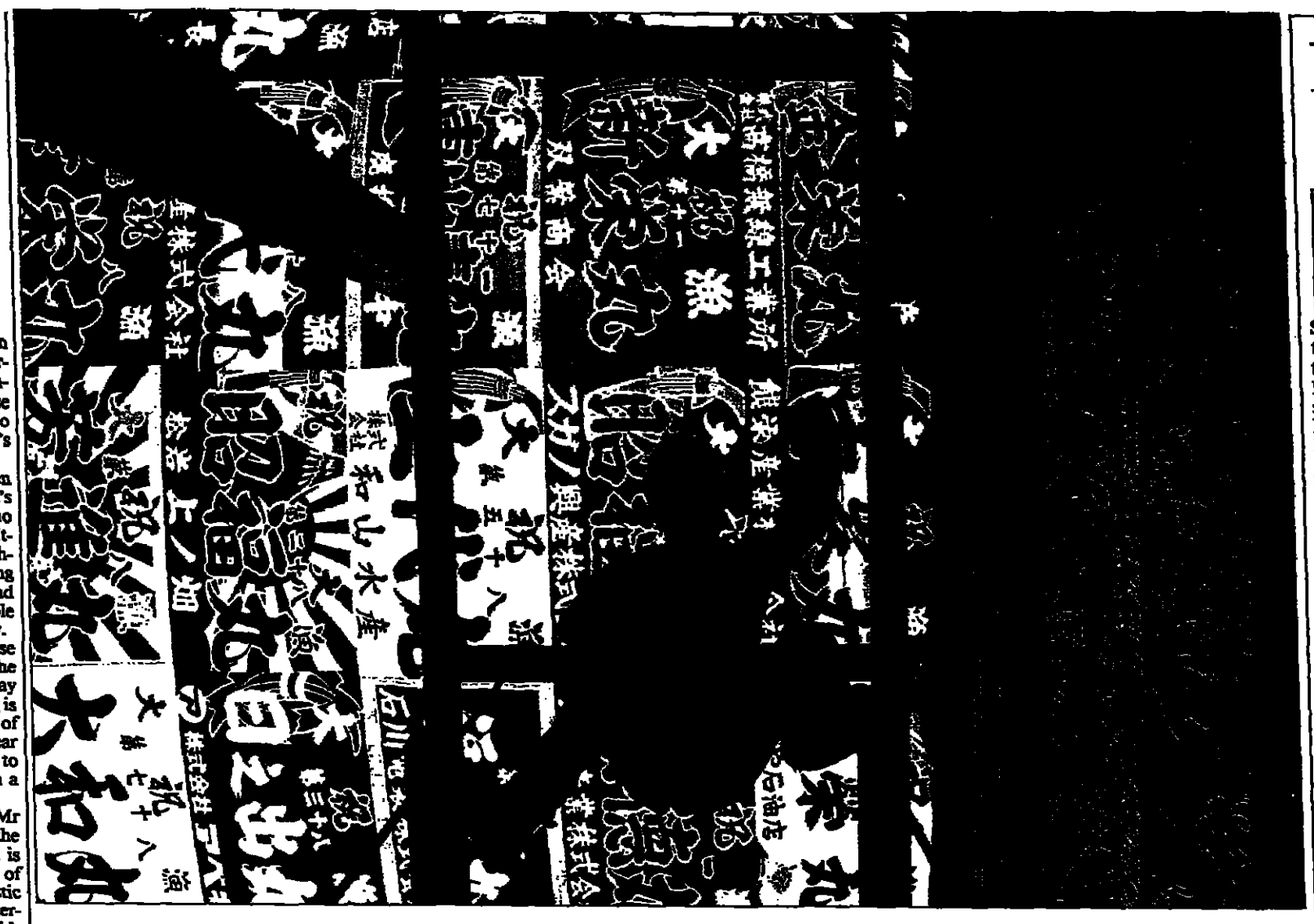
Thanks to the Gulf war, Mr Bush is riding high in the polls, but his Achilles' heel is his perceived neglect of America's pressing domestic problems in favour of international ones. Mr Bush's advisers claim that he has an extensive domestic agenda and that the problem is one of presentation. It is misunderstood because it rejects entrenched old notions that big government is the remedy for all problems.

The White House domestic team is split between establishment figures led by budget director, Richard Darman, and younger supporters of the so-called "New Paradigm". The charter is most attractive to the "New Paradigmers" who are looking for a tougher domestic campaign, arguing that the poor will not abandon their dependence on old bureaucratic thinking unless they have a more attractive alternative.

Mr Major's charter, a single name for an idea which previously had been mocked by Mr Darman as "buddy can you paradigm", has been lauded as a potentially useful marketing device.

"If we are going to have government programmes, let's structure them in ways that make most sense and hold them accountable for the results," said one New Paradigmer. "That's one of the things most appealing about what's coming from the prime minister's office. It's orientated towards consumers."

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Fishermen's kitsch: "good luck" flags from Japanese fishing boats adorn a ceiling in the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, as part of next month's "Visions of Japan" exhibition, while below them a workman prepares Tokyo's Kaminarimon gate which will carry "a collection of electronic kitsch". The flags are to represent the visual chaos of urban Japan, says organiser Osamu Ishiyama. Photograph by Adrian Brooks

Punters to stake arts and sport fund

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Zetters, the three members of the Pools Promoters' Association.

In a message on the coupons for matches on August 17, Littlewoods asks punters to "agree that from August 17, 1991, in respect of an effective transaction, for every £1.05 (and pro rata) of my remittance £1 is my stake and 5p is a donation to the Foundation for Sports and the Arts which I instruct you to hold in trust for, and to send on to, that foundation".

For the coming season, Littlewoods has raised the minimum stake on the treble chance from a penny a line to 1.2p. However, a spokesman for Littlewoods said yesterday that the 20 per cent rise was because of inflation and to boost prize money from a £1.5 million jackpot to £2 million.

The spokesman said: "Unlike Zetters and Vernons, we did not put up our stake last year, something we do regularly. We waited another year and have had to put it up by 20 per cent largely because inflation has been running at 18 per cent over those two years. It is coincidental that we are contributing to the foundation."

Asked whether the increase would have been 20 per cent if the foundation had not been set up, the spokesman said: "That is a hypothetical question. We would certainly have increased the stake in line with inflation and made allowances for the increase in prize money." The foundation is expected to give about £45 million annually to sport with the remainder going to the arts. Most money will come from the punters, with about £20 million coming from the 2¼ per cent reduction on pools betting duty.

The Tate and V&A's three-year gaming licences, for which they have had to register with the Gaming Board, let them run up to four lotteries a year but do not permit any other gambling activities. 180,000 tickets will be distributed.

Baker fails to secure Palestinian support

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the most prominent Palestinian in the occupied territories, Hanan Ashrawi, a lecturer at Beir Zeit university in the West Bank, and Dr Zacharia al-Agha, a leading Palestine Liberation Organisation figure in the Gaza Strip.

Later, after talks with King Husain of Jordan in Amman, Mr Baker said: "In our view, Palestinians have more to gain from a viable and active peace process probably than anyone else."



Baker: Palestinians have the most to gain

In Jerusalem, Mr Husseini, who insisted that the decision on attending the talks had to be made by the PLO leadership in Tunis, which is banned from participating by agreement between the other parties involved, said: "I am sure that we will be ready in days, not weeks or months, to give a firm answer."

The Palestinians said they had asked Mr Baker to clarify five points of substance. The PLO wants Washington to give guarantees "that the aim of the conference is to implement UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 which stipulate the end of occupation and Israel's withdrawal from all the Arab territories occupied in 1967, including east Jerusalem".

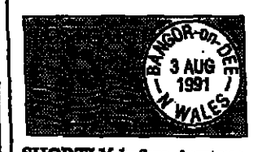
In addition the PLO wants Mr Baker to recognise Palestinian political rights, including the "right to self-determination", and insists that the composition of a Palestinian delegation should be decided by the organisation without outside interference. It also wants the question of east Jerusalem to be raised during the talks and an immediate end to the building of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories.

The PLO requests still leave unresolved the question of Palestinian representation. Israel refuses to attend if an east Jerusalem Palestinian is included as the PLO insists.

Mrs Ashrawi, who described the Palestinian stance as a "positive inclination", refused to predict what the final response was likely to be, although observers believe Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, has little choice but to authorise attendance.

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Betting, baps and banter at Bangor



SHORTLY before 4pm yesterday Snooker Table passed the post to win the opening Denbigh conditional jockeys selling hurdle at Bangor-on-Dee, and the new National Hunt season was under way.

Most sporting seasons begin on a low note, but you cannot get much lower than a conditional jockeys selling hurdle. These riders are roughly what are known in flat racing as apprentices, and selling races are usually what you enter a horse for in the hope that, if by some remote chance it wins, someone will take it off your hands.

By tradition, the season has until recently begun in the West Country at Newton Abbot. But since last year pride of place has been usurped by Bangor. Bob Davies, the clerk of course, explained that, much to Newton Abbot's chagrin, the Levy Board had agreed to Bangor switching a fixture to early August.

So there we all were, about a couple of thousand of us, in a pretty North Wales valley, with a line of hills in the mid distance. There are no stands at Bangor, nor are they really needed; the view from the grass banks which slope down to the rails is as good as most people could wish, apart from the fact that the winning post is some way down the track.

On a sultry afternoon most of the crowd was in shirtsleeves. There were plastic bowls of shrimps, mussels and jellied eels next to a display of horsey paintings. There were hamburgers and bacon baps washed down with lager.

"We have a reputation for democracy," Major Malise Nicolson, chairman of the company which manages the course, said. "We are the second cheapest course in the country and we have no members' enclosure or anything like that."

Racing began at Bangor in 1858, organised by the local hunt owned by Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn. Ten years later it staged a single pony race in a programme otherwise consisting of steeplechases; the winning jockey was a 12-year-old boy who weighed in at 4st 9lb. His name was Fred Archer, a future racing legend.

Most racegoers come from Liverpool, Manchester and the Wirral. The most valuable event is the Alfred McAlpine Chase in April, which is worth about £10,000, and there are two other chases each worth more than £6,000. "I think our prize money is very good for a small course," Mr Davies said. Yesterday's meeting was geographically far away from the grand events taking place at Glorious Goodwood, and there are seven long months to go before National Hunt racing reaches its own high point at the Cheltenham Festival. But Ken White, who trains Snooker Table at Craven Arms, near Ludlow, in Shropshire, was a happy man as he stood in the unsaddling enclosure.

"It's nice to be the leading trainer even if its only for half an hour," he said. "I always thought this horse was just a little bit better than a seller," he added. Other people clearly agreed, since the price went up to £3,500 at the subsequent auction. The beaming owner, Wilf Richards, from Shrewsbury, explained that it was really his wife's horse. "I have to send her out to work to get the money to pay the trainer," he said. It was not the sort of banter you would be likely to hear at Goodwood.

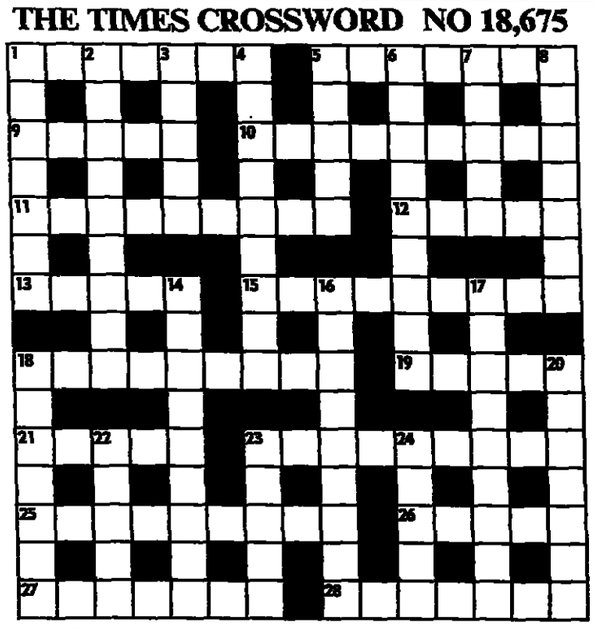
JOHN YOUNG

MONDAY IN THE TIMES

Damned if you do . . . "By the Archons of Athens, by the *Corpus Juris Civilis* of Justinian, by the Code of Hammurabi, by the Divan of Haroun-al-Raschid, I swear I never thought I would live to pen these words: I feel sorry for Lord Donaldson." Yes, these are Bernard Levin's words, and, yes, his sympathy for the Master of the Rolls and his fellow judges is heartfelt. But then, they have a case to decide that would tear Solomon in two

Plus: Philip Howard joins 236 young scholars having a ball brushing up on their ancient Greek

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,675



ACROSS

1 Motorways found unsuitable in parts (7).
5 Nervous when flying high (7).
9 Landlord set about ringleader (5).
10 The vivacity that made Disney famous (9).
11 Fencing as a source of Shakespearian punning (5-4).
12 Sultan's pot holds a litre (5).
13 Superior English poet (5).
15 Like some animals in a jungle, cannot rule endlessly (9).
18 Idle woman spinning out the food (4,5).
19 Breakdown vehicle needed for this block (5).
21 Sign of caution about leaving the bank (5).
23 In his job he's bound to have itchy skin condition . . . (9).
25 . . . and she in her's a case for needles and thread (9).
26 Work in mill (5).
27 Turned to trade reform (7).
28 Add in the fibs, for instance — no small number (7).

DOWN

1 Spiritless youth to get money from bribe (7).
2 "I've Oude", said Dalhousie in tears, we hear, from the brandy (9).
3 Helped by a fish diet initially (5).
4 A minstrel perhaps getting marks in court (9).
5 One is in agreement (5).
6 Garment take off by athletes before streaking (5,4).
7 Heat pump (5).
8 The Magic Flute, incorporating a French musical (7).
14 Dig up most of the county cricket boundaries under engineers (9).
16 One wriggling out of a farewell dance? (6,3).
17 Paper not known to tear (9).
18 Play without the football (7).
20 Screen of reeds or switches (7).
22 One bears wild animal noise abroad (5).
23 Driver in bandage is unsighted (5).
24 Disease the king contracted (5).

PARKER DUOFOLD

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WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SCHIAVONE
a. Pasta with mussels
b. Shadow painting
c. A Doge's broadsword

TEMSE
a. Latin for the Thames
b. A sieve
c. Patterned muslin

NAIK
a. The squirrel monkey
b. A Malay running amuck
c. An Indian corporal

PLEDGET
a. An engagement ring
b. A legal undertaking
c. A wad of lint

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Solution to Puzzle No 18,674

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WEATHER

A dry, bright start in north-east Scotland will be followed by rain. This will clear, however, as brighter weather over Northern Ireland reaches Scotland by the afternoon. England and Wales will be cloudy with patchy rain. However, early rain in the southwest will yield to clearer weather, which will spread to most parts. Outlook: showers and some sun in Scotland and Northern Ireland; elsewhere, dry with sunny periods.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; f=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	s	Madrid	32	90	s
Almeria	30	86	s	Majorca	28	82	s
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Malaga	27	81	s
Algiers	31	88	s	Malta	28	82	s
Amst'dam	23	73	s	Melb'rne	13	55	s
Athens	31	88	s	Miami*	32	90	t
Bahrain	35	95	s	Milan	30	86	t
Bangkok	32	90	t	Montreal*	26	79	t
Barcelna	27	81	s	Moscow	20	68	s
Beirut	28	82	s	Munich	17	63	c
Belgrade	19	66	d	Nairobi	23	73	s
Berlin	22	72	c	Naples	28	82	s
Bermuda*	31	88	s	N Delhi	34	93	f
Biarritz	24	75	s	N York*	32	90	s
Blantyre	21	70	f	Nice	26	79	s
Brussels	24	75	s	Oslo	20	68	f
Budapst	23	73	t	Paris	24	75	s
B Aires*	6	43	f	Peking	31	88	s
Cairo	35	95	s	Perth	14	57	c
Cape Tn	12	54	r	Prague	18	64	r
Chicago*	32	90	s	Reykjavik	15	59	r
Ch'church	7	45	c	Rhodes	28	82	s
Cologne	25	77	t	Rio de J	26	84	s
C'phagn	24	75	f	Riyadh	42	108	s
Corfu	28	82	s	Rome	27	81	s
Dublin	19	66	r	Salzburg	15	59	s
Dubrovnik	25	77	s	S F'risco*	18	64	s
Faro	33	91	s	Santiago*	12	54	s
Florence	28	82	s	S Paulo*	26	79	c
Frankfurt	25	77	t	Seoul	23	73	c
Funchal	23	73	s	Sing'por	33	91	t
Geneva	28	73	s	St'kholm	23	73	r
Gibraltar	26	79	s	Strasb'rg	24	75	t
Helsinki	24	75	s	Sydney	15	59	s
Hong Kg	31	88	f	Tangier	32	90	s
Innsbruck	15	59	c	Tel Aviv	32	90	s
Istanbul	32	90	s	Tenerife	25	77	s
Jeddah	38	100	s	Tokyo	34	93	s
Jo'burg*	22	72	s	Toronto*	28	82	s
Karachi	33	91	f	Tunis	32	90	s
L Palmas	24	75	s	Valencia	31	88	s
La Toquet	18	64	c	Vanc'ver*	17	63	f
Lisbon	31	88	s	Venice	27	81	s
Locarno	30	86	s	Vienna	20	68	c
London	22	72	t	Warsaw	24	75	c
L Angels*	21	70	c	Wash'ton*	32	90	s
Luxembg	24	75	t	Wel'mton	12	54	s
Luxor	38	100	s	Zurich	20	68	c

* denotes figures are latest available

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.5	.03	21	70	sunny
Anglesey	0.7	.11	16	61	rain
Aviemore	6.7	.02	23	73	sunny
Belfast	0.1	.02	19	66	rain
Birmingham	9.0	.03	24	75	sunny
Blackpool	7.3	-	21	70	bright
Bognor Regis	12.8	-	21	70	sunny
Bournemouth	12.0	-	22	72	sunny
Brighton	6.8	-	22	72	sunny
Bristol	5.7	-	23	73	bright
Buxton	8.4	-	23	73	sunny
Cardiff	5.4	-	22	72	sunny
Clacton	7.6	-	22	72	sunny
Colwyn Bay	2.5	-	19	66	cloudy
Cromer	7.4	.53	25	77	thund'r
Douglas	-	.04	14	57	shower
Eastbourne	8.6	-	21	70	bright
Edinburgh	5.2	.20	23	73	bright
Eskdalemuir	6.6	.03	19	66	bright
Exmouth	5.2	.07	20	68	shower
Falmouth	5.4	-	23	66	bright
Folkestone	11.5	-	21	70	sunny
Glasgow	3.1	.17	21	70	rain
Guernsey	9.5	-	21	70	sunny
Hastings	9.8	-	21	70	sunny
Hunstanton	9.0	.03	23	73	shower
Jersey	9.5	-	22	72	sunny
Lowestoft	11.5	-	23	73	sunny
Manchester	12.4	-	23	73	sunny
Newquay	6.5	-	19	66	bright
Scarborough	10.1	-	24	75	sunny
Scilly Isles	2.8	-	17	63	cloudy
Shanklin	10.5	-	21	70	sunny
Southend	8.4	.44	24	75	thund'r
Southsea	11.8	-	22	72	sunny
St. Ives	7.1	-	18	64	bright
Stornoway	9.3	-	19	66	sunny
Swanage	11.0	-	21	70	sunny
Teignmouth	6.3	.13	21	70	shower
Tenby	2.2	.03	19	66	cloudy
Thee	3.4	.02	18	64	drizzle
Torquay	8.5	-	23	73	bright
Weymouth	10.4	-	20	68	sunny
Wick	3.9	-	17	63	cloudy
Worthing	9.1	-	21	70	sunny

* Thursday's figures are latest available

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.25	2.10
Austria Sch	21.80	20.30
Belgium Fr	63.70	59.70
Canada $	2.05	1.90
Denmark Kr	11.90	11.15
Finland Mkk	7.48	7.01
France Fr	10.40	9.75
Germany Dm	3.07	2.87
Greece Dr	336.00	316.00
Hong Kong $	13.56	12.65
Ireland Pt	1.155	1.085
Italy Lira	2330.00	2180.00
Japan Yen	247.00	229.00
Netherlands Gld	3.45	3.23
Norway Kr	12.06	11.28
Portugal Esc	263.00	246.00
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.80
Spain Pta	191.00	178.00
Sweden Kr	11.20	10.45
Switzerland Fr	2.675	2.505
Turkey Lira	7800.00	7000.00
USA $	1.775	1.65
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

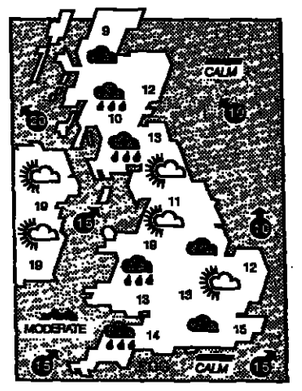
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Thursday: Highest day temp: Coningsby, Lincolnshire, and Finningley, South Yorkshire, 26C (79F); lowest day max: Douglas, Isle of Man, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, Shetland, 0.81 in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, West Sussex, 12.8 hr.

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Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 7.45am only



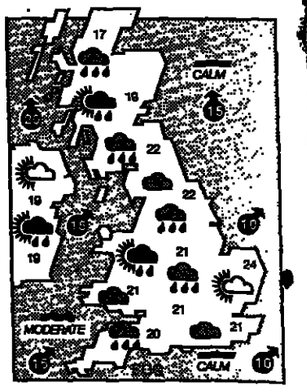
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	19	66	s	Guernsey	19	66	f
B'rmgham	21	70	f	Inverness	21	70	s
Blackpool	19	66	f	Jersey	20	68	c
Bristol	20	68	f	London	22	72	f
Cardiff	20	68	c	M'chester	20	68	f
Edinburgh	19	66	c	Newcastle	20	68	c
Glasgow	20	68	f	R'nldsway	17	63	s

TODAY
London 8.46 pm to 5.28 am
Bristol 8.36 pm to 5.38 am
Edinburgh 9.17 pm to 5.22 am
Manchester 9.02 pm to 5.39 am
Penzance 9.03 pm to 5.54 am

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 22C (72F); min 6pm to 6am, 16C (59F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 7.7 hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 21C (70F); min 6pm to 6am, 15C (59F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 8.8 hr.



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.11	6.3	7.15	6.4
Aberdeen	6.37	3.8	7.27	3.5
Avonsmouth	12.11	11.4	12.26	11.1
Belfast	4.18	3.3	4.55	3.1
Cardiff			12.11	10.4
Devonport	11.01	4.8	11.23	4.6
Dover	4.07	5.9	4.31	6.1
Falmouth	10.31	4.4	10.53	4.4
Glasgow	6.06	4.5	6.36	4.3
Harwich	5.13	3.6	5.33	3.7
Holyhead	3.33	5.0	4.05	4.7
Hull	11.44	6.5		
Ilfracombe	11.20	7.7	11.48	7.6
King's Lynn	11.43	5.8		
Leith	8.05	4.9	8.42	4.6
Liverpool	4.24	8.4	4.48	8.0
Lowestoft	5.05	2.1	2.56	2.1
Margate	5.18	4.3	5.23	4.4
Milford Haven	11.37	5.8		
Newquay	10.34	5.9	11.03	5.9
Oban	10.50	3.2	10.40	3.2
Penzance	10.13	4.6	10.37	4.6
Portland			12.01	1.5
Portsmouth	4.38	4.1	5.11	4.1
Shoreham	4.14	5.3	4.44	5.3
Southampton	4.11	4.0	4.47	4.0
Swansea	11.40	8.0		
Tees	9.11	4.7	9.57	4.4
W'ton-on-Nze	5.07	3.8	5.19	3.9

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft.

TODAY	Sun rises:	Sun sets:	TOMORROW	Sun rises:	Sun sets:
	5.25 am	8.46 pm		5.26 am	8.45 pm
Last quarter 12.25pm	Moon sets: 2.33 pm	Moon rises: 11.08 pm	New moon August 10	Moon sets: 3.53 pm	Moon rises: 11.46 pm



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WEEKEND MONEY

BCCI change

The rules for the banks' deposit protection scheme were changed this week to stop customers of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International from setting up trusts in different names and claiming larger payouts in the name of the trustee and all other beneficial owners. The scheme will pay up to £15,000. .....Page 26



Gas climbdown

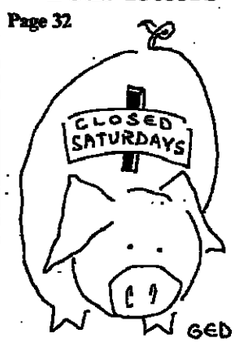
Robert Evans, left, chairman of British Gas, is to publish new prices for bulk gas after the director general of gas supply, threatened to force publication of reduced charges. .....Page 31

Airbus victory

Airbus Industrie won orders worth US$3.35 billion from Singapore Airlines for up to 20 four-engined A340 jets in a deal that will strike a severe blow to McDonnell Douglas, the American rival. Page 23.

Your letters

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Magnet loss

Airedale Holdings, the kitchen retail and joinery company, that was until last year known as Magnet Group, has unveiled a loss for the year to end-March of £159.1 million. The loss includes an interest charge of £95.3 million on the borrowings used to take the company private. .....Page 23

Market record

The London stock market closed above 2,600 for the first time. .....Page 23



Midland gloom

Brian Pearse, Midland Bank chief executive, left, said he saw little chance of a recovery in profits before next year and that bad debts would remain high. He spoke after Midland revealed business failures had reduced it to a first half loss of £71 million. Mr Pearse was presenting his first report since he was appointed in March. He saw no signs of Britain emerging from recession. Underlying profit was good, depending on the economy, he said. .....Page 23

New bank code



A newly revised banking code of practice should be published in the next few weeks that should improve the treatment customers receive. Customers will be able to claim back costs from previous charges pushing them in the red. .....Page 25

WEEK ENDING
Matthew Bond

Which way is up?

Emerging from a darkened basement into what passed for daylight in this particular West End hotel, the elderly Mountleigh shareholder prepared to try again.

He had every right to be confused. Having successfully followed the short sequence of arrows that had guided him from the street to where he now stood, the final indicator had defeated him. It pointed straight at the curve of a banister separating the upward flight from the downward flight. Did he go up, or down? The horizontal arrow gave no clue. It was the sort of situation a passing Cheshire cat might have relished. Indeed, it was a purrfect week for such a feline.

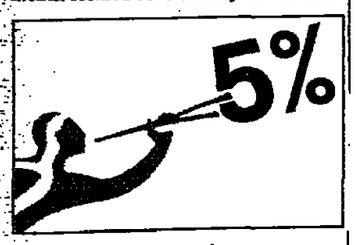
For when the Mountleigh shareholder did eventually find the right room, it was only to be informed by Nelson Peltz, Mountleigh's American chairman, that the company had lost £96 million in its last financial year. Mr Peltz's solution and the way forward to a brighter future, apparently, was for shareholders to stump up £96 million of new money through a rights issue. Were things getting better or worse? Up or down? As



the Cheshire cat might have said, it depends on what you want to see.

Only one man seemed certain. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, spent all week telling anyone prepared to listen about the "dramatic progress" in the British economy. Ignoring news of record mortgage repossessions and spiralling personal bankruptcies, Father William, sorry Mr Lamont, insisted economic recovery was already underway. The stock market appeared convinced: the FT-SE 100 index celebrated with an all time high of 2,612.4 on Monday and a closing high of 2,601.7 yesterday.

But others, such as Barratt Developments, seemed considerably less certain.



On Monday, the company that in the early Eighties sold more houses than anyone else in Britain, gave warning that it would be making a pre-tax loss of £100 million. The problem stems from the fact that Barratt's sites and uncompleted houses are now worth £80 million less than they cost. For John Swanson, chairman for the last three years, such losses made the direction of his next move clear. He was replaced by Sir Lawrie Barratt, the company's founder.

The Confederation of British Industry was also having difficulty in discerning which way recovery lay. Its quarterly survey of industrial trends simply showed the recession deepening. This contra-Lamontian view was confirmed on Friday by Midland Bank, which ended the run of better than expected bank results with a interim pre-tax loss of £71 million after bad debt provisions totalling £530 million.

There were no such problems for BT, the senior partner in the telephone duopoly. Having made profits of £3 billion last year and with inflation sliding towards 4 per cent, BT decided that the merest glimmer of renewed prosperity provided the perfect excuse to put its prices up for its average domestic customer by almost 5 per cent.

Cancel that call to Mr Lamont.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: Sir Peter Walters

From big oil to bad debt

The chairman of Midland Bank is seen as a cold fish, but Gillian Bowditch discovers he can be seriously funny

On reaching the age of 60, the attention of many chairmen of large public companies starts to wander from profit and loss accounts towards redesigning their garden. Golden handshakes are banked, hats are hung up and retirement is settled into.

Not so Sir Peter Walters, chairman and chief executive of BP until March last year. The former head of Britain's largest company is a tough man of strong personal ambition and enormous energy who relishes the type of challenge that would stretch the ability of other managers to breaking point.

That is just as well, as his new role as chairman of Midland Bank, assumed at a time when Britain is facing its worst banking problem in two decades, will be no picnic.

In the seven weeks Sir Peter has held the job, he has had to face the Chancellor on allegations of banks mistreating small businesses, deal with poor staff morale caused by the sudden departure of Sir Kit McMahon, the former chairman, and calm City fears after soaring bad debt and the first cut in dividend by a clearing bank since the Thirties.

But this is nothing compared to the stress of his job at BP where he lived through the Six Day War, the Yom Kippur war, the fall of the Shah of Iran and the most disastrous privatisation, when the government's sale of 32 per cent of BP coincided with the Black Monday stock market crash.

Sir Peter says: "I enjoy crisis management. I'm not really an entrepreneur. I wouldn't want to start a war, but if there's a battle that is going wrong, I enjoy sorting it out. The more complicated the better. I don't think I could be a successful baked beans salesman. I'd get intellectually bored. There would be too much of a homogeneity about it."

Sir Peter, who was 60 in March, was managing director of BP by the age of 40, is not sure why he was so successful so young. But former colleagues attest to his brain power and ability to stay cool in any situation. He is seen as a cold fish, an unemotional man who does not give affection easily and is awkward about receiving it. He has few close friends but a wide range of acquaintances. Those who know him well and have penetrated the protective wall he has built around himself say he can be great fun.

Sir Lindsay Alexander, former deputy chairman of Lloyds Bank and an old friend of Sir Peter's, says of him: "He is wholly unpompous and extremely wide ranging in his thoughts. He is broadly educated and that is coupled with a first rate brain. When you see that glint in his eyes behind his glasses, you know he is going to be quite seriously funny."

Sir Peter's position at Midland will suit him because he is interested in power and good at amassing it. The job has the necessary high profile and complex problems. He says: "Some of the problems in the banking industry, apart from Midland's particular problems, are such that you can't just turn up an hour before the board meeting. You have to be involved and you have to be financially knowledgeable."

His eight years on the board of National Westminster Bank have helped. His decision to cut the NatWest board from 31 directors to a more manageable size was one reason he was not appointed chairman there.

Sir Peter says of his work at Midland: "I spend my time analysing, strategising and meeting people. I've been defending the bank from a number of half-cocked charges about screwing the small businessman. I had my first meeting with the Chancellor two days before I started my job here. We've been exonerated from the main charge." He denies that the reason the fuss over small businesses has died down is because the government has a greater worry, caused by the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. Sir Peter believes the Bingham enquiry into BCCI is essential.

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He is known for his ability to take tough decisions, even when opposed by other senior managers. He carries them through cleanly, quickly and with a degree of humanity. There will be no shirking Sir Kit's decision to close 120 Midland branches with the loss of 4,000 employees, although Sir Peter's daughter, Caroline, aged 21, says that what he dreads most is making employees redundant.

His career at BP ran remarkably smoothly, given the opportunities for upset. He is a good politician with an ability to manipulate people, although in the combined role of chairman and chief executive, he held most of the cards. Sir Peter says "internationalism, diplomacy, politics and money" attracted him to BP. He held 12 different jobs within BP and became managing director after 18 years. "I was good at the jobs I did. I had the experience which was fairly exhaustive. I loved being chairman and chief executive. I'm a responsible person. My strategy and some of the decisions I made in my eight and a half years as chairman were tough and not always the ones which others would have taken. But it gave me an enormous thrill to see things coming through OK, which they did."

But, if his career has gone smoothly, his personal life has not been so easy. He and his wife, Patricia, were divorced two years ago, after 30 years of marriage. He puts the divorce down to the stress of his job, but friends say the marriage had been unhappy for a long time and that Sir Peter is more relaxed now than he has been for a decade.

The divorce was acrimonious and although Sir Peter never shows his temper in his business life, there were rows at home. The marriage split affected his working relationships. BP makes an effort to involve corporate wives and the loss of Sir Peter's wife, who was considered Mrs BP, caused upsets and awkwardness.

He has a new girlfriend, Meryl, whom he has known for more than a year. He does not rule out the possibility of remarrying. "I've no objections to marrying again. I think it is a natural state," he says. He has three adopted children: Alistair, 23, James, 26, and Caroline.

Sir Peter's childhood was difficult. His father, a policeman, died of cancer when Sir Peter was 14 years old. He was born and brought up in Birmingham, an only child, and despite living in extreme poverty, his mother encouraged him to continue his education. After attending King Edward's School, he went to Birmingham university where he studied economics.

National Service followed and Sir Peter graduated best cadet in his class. "It gave me my first taste of nepotism," he says. "I went to see the list of postings available to the class. There was only one overseas posting, to Singapore, and I thought 'OK I passed out top of the list I'll have that'. Then I was called in next day and told the posting was going to the general's son. I went to Chester."

Caroline says the death of his father has affected Sir Peter greatly. "I think he was very hurt when his father died and it has led to him holding back emotionally. He also had to grow up very quickly and hates it if any of us are ever childish or immature. I think his ambition comes from having to stand on his own two feet at a young age and perhaps it makes people think of him as slightly ruthless.

"He's a very supportive father and great fun. We are more mates than father and child. He tends to rope the whole family into any new hobby. He got a sailing boat once and that was going to be the family's hobby, but it was a bit of a disaster. He doesn't lie in and he hates other people lying in bed in the morning. He can cook brilliant scrambled egg but, apart from that, doesn't know where the kitchen is."

Sir Peter is moving to a new house in Kensington and has given up his country home, preferring to spend his time in London where he can indulge his love of classical concerts, theatre, art galleries and parks. He is a keen gardener and loves golf, which he plays at his Portuguese *villa*.

Caroline says: "The great love of his life is the dog, a miniature dachshund called Gerty. He doesn't like big dogs, I think he is frightened of them, but give him the dog and he is happy. He says Gerty is the only one who doesn't answer back."

STEPHEN MARKESON



Supportive father: Sir Peter and daughter, Caroline, who says he is more like a mate than a parent

Designer jails plug in to the hard cell

From PHILIP ROBINSON
IN NEW YORK

CARL Coppola thinks he has cracked America's overcrowded prison problem. For seven years the 49-year-old engineer has worked to break out of the jail construction requirement of eight-inch concrete walls.

With the aid of a computer, he is now producing designer cells, cubes made from two-inch thick steel that are rolling off the production line at 50 a week. Mr Coppola can turn out any kind of cell you like, and with various trimmings — electric doors, single or multiple bunks, aluminium toilet, maximum security and even rubber padded.

The cube, about 8ft 6in square and covered in graffiti-proof plastic, is tough enough to stand alone and support three cells above itself. Its two and a half tons arrive vacuum-wrapped in clear plastic. All the prison authorities need to add is light and water — both need only to be plugged into the cell with very little mess.

The cells bolt together like a children's building set and cost on average $12,000. There is a bare minimum version, around $8,500, for either the very poor states or for very harsh punishment. Michael Rosenberg, of the makers Mark Correctional Systems, said: "We've turned prison construction into child's play. We can stack them four high and assemble 1,200 cells in 30 days."

Despite initial consumer resistance to the product, nobody has yet escaped. Mr Rosenberg said: "While no jail is escape proof, it would take some doing to get out of these. We went at it with a sledgehammer and couldn't burst



through. You'd need a blow torch to get out."

Mr Coppola's brainchild sprang from Mark Lighting Fixtures, another company he operates, which has illuminated American prisons for 30 years.

On his rounds, he listened to the problems of the guards and authorities who complained of overcrowding and the cost of building new prisons. With Mr Coppola's method, an additional 1,200 cells costs $14.4 million, far cheaper than concrete.

The cells, he says, fit anywhere — bolted onto existing prisons or standing alone in a courtyard. "The whole line is computer-controlled so we can deliver any type of cell the authorities want," Mr Rosenberg said. "If they wanted a square window and then rang up just before we were due to start production wanting a round one, we can change it at the touch of a button."

Mr Coppola reports brisk enquiries about the product from South America, Israel, Australia, Germany and Britain. His present factory has a capacity of 3,500 cells a year. But two others are planned, which will bring annual production to 10,000.



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Lilley calls for work in holidays on Gatt deal

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER Lilley, the trade secretary, has called on civil servants and ministers to abandon long summer holidays to ensure a new deal on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) before the year end.

Mr Lilley said the European Commission should flesh out its offer of last December – rejected by the other parties – to cut farm subsidies by 30 per cent. He said the Commission should redouble its efforts to win acceptance of the offer.

A Gatt agreement should not depend on revision of the Common Agricultural Policy, however. "A successful resolution of the Gatt round must precede, and not follow, reform of the CAP," Mr Lilley told the Institute of Directors in London yesterday.

In an "end of term report" on progress towards a new Gatt agreement, Mr Lilley gave a warning that economies worldwide would suffer "devastating" effects if an accord was not struck when talks resumed in September.

A deal could provide an important stimulus to the Anglo-Saxon economies and speed their climb out of recession. "But failure of the current round would puncture confidence with devastating effects and a return to trade protectionism would help maintain the recession for far longer than need be," Mr Lilley said.

The Uruguay round of trade talks, which stalled earlier this year, seeks to embrace free trade in services, textiles, intellectual property and agriculture for the first time.

However, European and Japanese levels of farm support have proved a serious impediment to agreement.

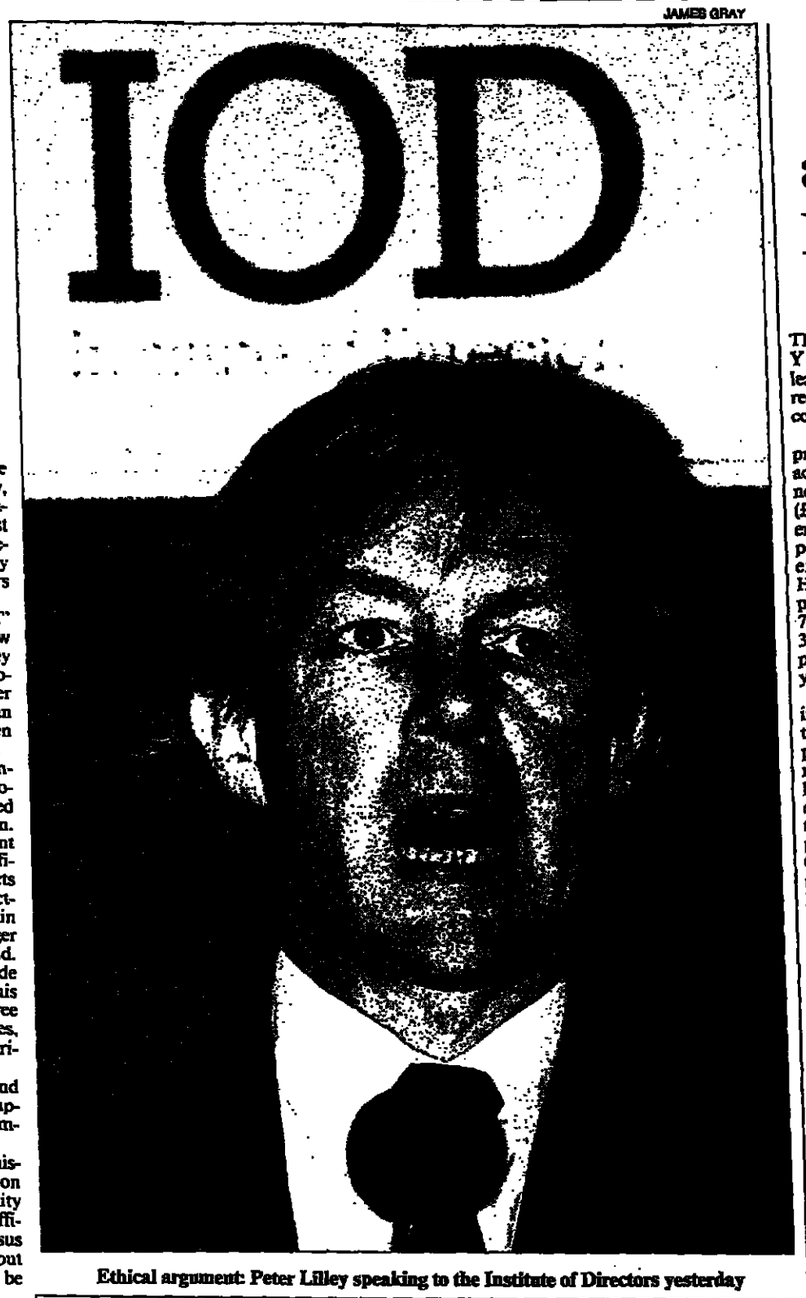
The European Commission, which is negotiating on behalf of the 12 Community states, has faced great difficulty in achieving a consensus within the Community about which areas of support can be cut.

Even last December's offer, based on the support levels of 1986, only allows for a 15 per cent reduction in subsidies in real terms.

Mr Lilley fell back on ethical arguments yesterday in an attempt to restore momentum to the process of CAP reform. "We are still subsidising every cow in the Community to a tune that exceeds the living standards of many farmers in the Third World – and that cannot be a true valuation of human and animal life," he said.

"It has proved simpler to turn swords into plough shares than to turn plough shares into consumer goods."

JAMES GRAY



Ethical argument: Peter Lilley speaking to the Institute of Directors yesterday

Pelican calling for £1.7m

PELICAN Group, the USM-quoted restaurant company, is raising £1.7 million in a one-for-one fully underwritten rights issue at 20p, enabling it to double the size of its Café Rouge brasserie chain.

The price of the existing shares rose 1p to 21p. Pelican plans to open ten new restaurants before March 1992.

The company made a £446,000 pre-tax profit (£92,000 loss) for the year to end-March. The final dividend is 1p.

Wace buys

Wace, the pre-press and printing group has acquired Bianca, a leading New York pre-press company, for a maximum of $3.5 million.

Globe losses

NET losses at Globe Petroleum, the oil and gas producer, rose to £375,342 (£257,288) in 1990. The loss per share was 1.17p (1.04p).

Kynoch sells

G&G Kynoch, the former textiles concern now trading as a medical products group, has sold Kynoch Textiles, its woollen fabric subsidiary, to Joshua Ellis & Company, of Yorkshire, for £195,000.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6880 (+0.0155)
German mark
2.9414 (–0.0022)
Exchange index
90.9 (+0.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
2014.6 (+7.9)
FT-SE 100
2601.7 (+10.0)
New York Dow Jones
3009.84 (–7.83)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
24027.97 (–44.76)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

API	135½p (+8p)
British Aerospace	578½p (+9p)
Commercial Union	535½p (+10p)
General Accident	569½p (+15p)
Lloyds Abbey	435p (+8p)
Refuge	743½p (+15p)
Royal	414½p (+10p)
Sun Alliance	385p (+9p)
Davies & Newman	145p (+10p)
Unigate	297½p (+7p)
Midland	228p (+21p)
News Corp	385p (+8p)
Standard Chart	362½p (+13p)
Reuters	814½p (+16p)
ADT	513½p (+14p)
BM Group	341p (+10p)

FALLS:

Buckingham Intnl	25p (–19p)
Eurotunnel Units	445p (–7p)
Gresham House	25p (–8p)
Drayton Cons	214p (–11p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base 11%
3-month interbank 11-10 15/16%
3-month eligible bills 10 1/2-10 7/16%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5 1/4%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.44-5.42%*
30-year bonds 98 12/32-98 18/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6880	£: $1.6945*
£: DM2.9414	$: DM1.7345*
£: SwFr2.5632	$: SwFr1.5085*
£: FFr9.9983	$: FFr5.8990*
£: Yen231.26	$: Yen136.75*
$: Index90.9	$: Index66.6
ECU £0.698092	SDR £0.792107
£: ECU1.432475	£: SDR1.262455

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $360.35 pm $357.80
close $358.70-357.10 (£211.00-211.50)
New York:
Comex $355.75-356.25*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Aug) ..... $19.40 bbl ($19.30)
* Denotes latest trading price

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.1 June (1987=100)

Cluff granted Bulgarian oil licence as profits increase

By COLIN CAMPBELL, MINING CORRESPONDENT

CLUFF Resources, the British mining and exploration company headed by Algy Cluff, has capped a week in which it was granted mining licences in the Yemen with news of an oil licence in Bulgaria on the Black Sea coast.

Cluff also said it expected to be granted gold licences in Tanzania, at Geita, the site of what was once East Africa's largest gold mine, in pursuit of a policy to widen its geographical and mineral interests.

The company currently concentrates on gold operations in Zimbabwe and Ghana, and on oil and gas interests in other parts of the world.

Other Cluff interests include diamond properties in Australia. The company hinted yesterday that entry into Bulgaria via an onshore oil licence could, in time, lead to gold and precious metal licences being granted in that country.

Cluff reported pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June of £1.09 million compared with £1.01 million previously.

Gold production in Zimbabwe in the interim period was 34,548 ounces (34,605 ounces), at an average price of £203 (£228) an ounce.

Zimbabwean foreign exchange difficulties have now eased, and replacement mining equipment has arrived on site at the Freda Rebecca mine.

Cluff's initial exploration outlay in the Yemen, where licences have been granted for gold and base metals, is expected to be $500,000. Two Cluff geologists are due to set up camp in the Yemen soon.

The shares traded at 50p yesterday.

Assets fall short at architect

By MATTHEW BOND

CONTINUING losses at The Company of Designers, the Unlisted Securities Market building design group, have caused the company's net assets to fall to less than half its called-up share capital.

Following the fall, the company is statutorily obliged to call an extraordinary meeting of its shareholders to discuss how the problem might be resolved. The extraordinary meeting will be held on August 30.

In the latest reporting period, the six months to the end of March, the company made a pre-tax loss of £317,000, slightly more than the £304,000 that was lost in the same period of last year. No interim dividend is being paid (0.25p).

However, the real damage to the company's reserves was inflicted by the intervening full-year results which revealed a pre-tax loss of £3.5 million.

During the first half of the current year, the company's turnover dropped by 26 per cent to £6.1 million, as activity in the construction sector slowed. The company said yesterday that it saw no sign of an upturn. The shares were unchanged at 6p.

TEMPUS

New brooms set to work on sweeping changes at Midland

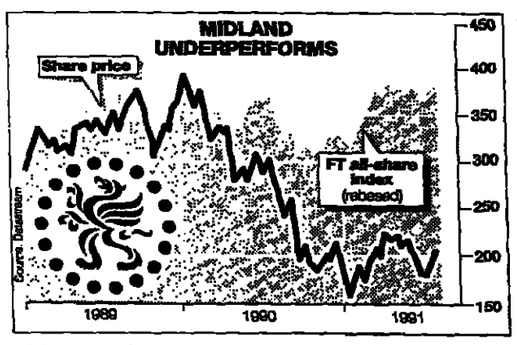
THERE is a new sense of purpose sweeping through the corridors at Poultry. Midland Group's grandiose headquarters in the City. Sir Peter Walters and Brian Pearse, the recently established chairman and chief executive, are tackling the bank's deep-seated problems, and the results are beginning to show.

To see the first impact of change, one must look beyond Midland's loss of £71 million in the first half of the year. That loss was entirely caused by bad debt provisions of £530 million, up by 77 per cent on last time.

The bad debts are an historic problem. Many of the loans were made in the late Eighties, when the traditional rules of credit risk were thrown to the wind. Midland will continue to suffer grievously from these for the next two years. Its future, however, depends on the systems and services its management are creating today.

As a start, the bank has finally proved that it has controlled its costs. The group's operating expenses of £1.19 billion in the period were virtually unchanged on a year ago. This in turn has allowed the group to make a record interim trading profit of £480 million, 32 per cent higher than last time.

Mr Pearse's attention is now fixed on Midland's product range. This, he admits, was over-engineered and cluttered with complex financial gimmicks that few customers understood.



In personal banking, both the Vector and Orchard accounts are destined for radical overhauls. The bank is also looking at ways to expand its financial services, through a tie with an insurer like Allied Dunbar. This should increase the income per customer, which lags behind its rivals.

In corporate banking, the three-tier structure that was imposed to centralise accounts will be dismantled and authority returned to branch managers who will no longer be bound to rigid account management rules.

The task is huge and there have been many false dawns at Midland, but a start has been made.

The bank will be fortunate to break even in the current yearas bad debts continue to mount. The full-year dividend should be at least 5p, putting the shares on a yield of 3 per cent after yesterday's 19p rise to 225p. Shareholders need faith and a strong stomach to stay the ride, but the potential reward is worth it.

Babcock Prebon

THE investment rating of Babcock Prebon, the money broker, hangs on a wing and a prayer. The company went through a traumatic period in the 18 months ended September 30. Now, it reports a pre-tax loss of £3.69 million for the six months to end-March, and a net loss of £8.5 million.

Because of the changed nature of the business, and since no separate audited figures were produced for the same period a year ago, there can be no comparison, other than with the 18-month period.

Options have been granted for the sale of its American pension funds management activities, and management buyout talks are under way about Babcock & Brown, the lease packaging and project finance subsidiary.

The debt burden is excessive, bringing interest charges of more than £4 million. The preference dividend is passed, and early payments of arrears look unlikely. There is an urgent need to restructure the group's financial position, and the shares trade at 3p.

Babcock Prebon's operating profit of £3.3 million from a group income of £58.6 million in the six month period reflects a strong performance by money broking in America, the Far East and continental Europe, and a satisfactory performance by lease packaging in Europe. London money broking operations made a loss in the first quarter and a profit in the second three months, but still ended the interim period down. July has proved "difficult".

Agreement on any financial restructuring "is expected to take some time", the company says, though the group's bankers continue to be supportive of management. Activity within money broking remains, by its nature, fluid, and the continuing depressed conditions will make the sale of surplus property difficult. On present evidence, the shares are best avoided.

Record profits at Wharf Holdings

From LULU YU
IN HONG KONG

THE flagship companies of Sir Y.K. Pao, one of Hong Kong's leading businessmen, reported record profits despite tough conditions worldwide.

Wharf Holdings, the hotels, property and transport group, achieved a 15.6 per cent rise in net profits to HK$1.44 billion (£110 million) in the year to end-March. Investment disposals brought in a further extraordinary profit of HK$37.2 million. Earnings per share rose 12 per cent to 73.4 cents. A final dividend of 36.5 cents per share will be paid, making 49 cents, for the year, up 12.6 per cent.

World International Holdings, the property and retail trading group that holds 40 per cent of Wharf, increased net profits 5.7 per cent to HK$928.5 million, considerably below market expectations because of a sharp plunge in earnings by Lane Crawford. Profits at the luxury retailer fell by a third to HK$120.7 million because of Hong Kong's retail market slowdown and the Gulf war.

World International's profits were boosted by an extraordinary gain of HK$214.1 million, mainly from the reshuffling of the group's hotel interests. Earnings per share rose from 42.9 to 45.3 cents and a final dividend of 15 cents is proposed, making 21 cents, up 10.5 per cent.

Peter Woo, Wharf's chairman, said the company's core businesses of property, hotels, container terminals, transport and communications performed satisfactorily.

Wharf is one of the colony's largest landlords, with rental income from 5.5 million sq ft of office, residential and retail property and four projects under development. Its investment portfolio is expected to double to more than 10 million sq ft by 1994.

Wharf also has three hotels in Hong Kong, one in Singapore, and the Omni chain of 41 hotels in America. The group has a strong net cash position of more than HK$2 billion.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Nissan names Vardy as first new UK dealer

REG Vardy, the Wearside motor dealer in Tyne & Wear, has been named by Nissan, the Japanese car manufacturer, as the first dealer in its new national distribution network. Vardy has been granted the Nissan franchise for Sunderland and will open a £2 million showroom on New Year's day when Nissan Motor GB, formed to oversee the distribution of Nissan cars in Britain, begins trading.

Nissan is replacing the existing network of 350 outlets run by the privately owned Nissan UK, whose owner, Octav Botnar, lost a legal battle to halt the move.

Buckingham goes into red

THE downturn in tourism caused by the recession and the Gulf war pushed Buckingham International, the hotels group, into losses. The deficit at the pre-tax level for the six months to end-April was £2.15 million (£1.64 million profit), after an exceptional charge of £1.06 million. There is no interim dividend (0.5p).

Akzo drops at half time

AKZO, the Dutch chemicals group, reported a fall in net income from 205 million guilders to Fl 190.5 million (£57 million) in the second quarter of this year. Total net income for the first half was Fl 382.7 million (Fl 407.4 million). Akzo expects a fall of 10 per cent in net income for the whole year.

LIT hastens recovery

THE recovery story at LIT Holdings, the futures clearing and corporate finance business headed by Christopher Castleman, has continued with the announcement of more than doubled first-half pre-tax profits, which for the six months to June were £1.92 million (£838,000).

The company, which came close to failure last year under the weight of a hugely overgeared balance sheet, has not paid an ordinary dividend since 1989, but the dividend on the A and B preference shares was paid this time. Mr Castleman said that improved profits were expected for the second half.

VTR falls on profit fears

SHARES in VTR fell 13p to 45p after the video editing and audiovisual house said that second-half profits had fallen to levels "well below" those for the first six months of the current financial year. The final dividend is to be maintained at 3.3p. First-half profits fell from £601,000 before tax to £432,000.

Fairway beats recession

PROFITS at Fairway (London), the business and computer stationery company, have defied the recession. In the six months to end-June, pre-tax profits advanced 10 per cent to £655,000. However, the figures made it clear that margins have come under pressure. The interim dividend stays at 1p.

API forecasts profit

API Group has forecast a return to profit during the current year in its defence against a hostile all-share bid from NMC Group, the rival packaging company. API forecast profits of not less than £1.5 million for the final six months of the year to September 28, offsetting losses of £849,000 in the first half. The company earned £1.86 million pre-tax last year.

AMI also pledged to maintain the dividend for this year at 6.75p and to increase the payment by at least 11 per cent to 7.5p for the following 12 months. API shares rose 8p to 126p and NMC's 1p to 67p. NMC's 17-for-10 share offer values each API share at 114p and the company at £23.86 million.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Allied Lyons (*385)	500	97	109	119	3	6½	9
	550	54	67	82	9½	18	23
	600	25	38	54	31	39	43
ASDA (*94)	90	7½	10½	13	5	7	8½
	100	3	7	8	12	13	15
	110	1½	3½	–	21	22	–
Bass (*915)	880	72	–	–	14	–	–
	929	40	–	–	34	–	–
	977	20	–	–	65	–	–
Boots (*415)	360	63	66	–	2	4½	–
	390	37	46	57	6½	12	14
	420	18	28	40	18	24	26
Br Airways (*177)	140	43	44	–	1½	2½	–
	160	24	27	33	4	6½	8½
	180	10½	16	21	11	15	17
BP (*346)	330	25	32	37	5½	9½	12
	360	9½	16	21	20	24	27
	390	3	7½	–	47	48	–
Br Steel (*122)	110	14½	17	20	2¼	4	5
	120	8	10	13½	4½	8	9½
	130	3¼	5¼	9½	11½	13½	15
C & W (*574)	508	88	101	–	4½	7	–
	550	48	63	78	12	21	25
	600	21	36	51	37	45	48
CU (*536)	460	80	91	–	2½	5	–
	500	47	61	69	9	14	19
	550	17	32	41	33	37	42
Courtauld (*441)	390	63	71	82	3½	7	10
	420	39	49	61	9½	15	18
	460	17	28	40	27	30	31
GKN (*343)	330	22	34	41	14	17	25
	360	9	19	25	33	35	42
	390	3	10½	14	58	59	64
Grand Met (*788)	750	67	88	101	14	26	31
	800	35	56	73	36	49	52
	850	17	36	50	70	78	82
ICI (*1340)	1300	83	124	142	41	52	67
	1350	56	95	112	64	73	92
	1400	32	67	90	97	108	117
Kingfisher (*540)	460	88	102	–	4	6	–
	500	55	72	83	10	15	19
	550	21	39	53	32	35	40
Ladbroke (*269)	240	28	41	49	4	7	10
	260	13	29	36	9½	12	18
	280	11	19	25	20	25	27
Land Sec (*589)	460	60	66	77	2	6½	8½
	500	28	38	49	11	18	21
	550	7	16	25	45	47	50
M & S (*277)	260	17	34	41	4	7	8
	280	15	22	29	11	15	17
	300	6½	12	19	25	27	28
Sainsbury (*380)	326	64	72	–	1	2½	–
	356	38	47	–	4½	8	–
	386	18	28	–	16	20	–
Shell (*337)	460	87	90	97	2	4	6
	500	48	60	67	7	11	15
	550	14	28	37	30	33	38
Smith Beech (*773)	750	57	78	–	17	25	–
	800	29	51	69	41	48	52
	850	13	31	49	80	82	84
Storehse (*110)	100	17	19	21	2¼	5	6
	110	11	13	16	6	8½	10
	120	5	8	10½	12	15	16
Trafalgar (*221)	211	25	30	–	8	16	–
	231	15	19	–	18	28	–
	251	7	11	–	32	43	–
Ultramar (*279)	260	28	36	40	6	8	11
	280	15	24	26	15	18	23
	300	6½	15	–	28	30	–
Unilever (*771)	650	157	–	–	2	–	–
	700	90	105	–	5	8	–
	750	51	68	84	15	22	30
	800	24	40	57	40	47	52
Utd Biscs (*397)	360	46	54	62	4½	7	11
	390	24	34	42	13	18	21
	420	8½	18	26	33	35	38

	Series	Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
Racal (*217)	200	19	27	34½	4	7	9½
	220	6	13	21	10	18	19
	240	2	7½	13	26	30	31
RTZ (*588)	550	44	59	74	3	13	18
	600	11	28	44	22	33	38
	650	1½	12	24	65	72	72
Scot Newc (*417)	360	62	70	75	1½	3	6
	390	33	43	53	2½	8½	13
	420	10	26	34	11	19	24
Tesco (*284)	253	33	–	–	1½	–	–
	280	11	19	28	6	10	13
	300	2	9½	17	19	22	24
Thames W (*572)	350	24	37	45	2	6	9
	370	8	23	30	7	13	18
	400	2	11	16	35	35	37
Lucas (*139)	130	11	17	18	3	8	10
	140	4½	10	12	7½	13	15
	160	1¼	4½	6½	25	28	29

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Pisces (*494)	460	52	65	76	6½	12	15
	500	26	40	51	21	26	30
	550	8	18	29	56	57	59

	Series	Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Abbey Nat (*300)	260	43	50	56	1½	3	5
	280	25	34	40	4	6	10
	300	11	21	29	12½	15	18
Amstrad (*50)	45	8	10	11½	2½	4	4½
	50	4½	7	9	4½	5	7
	60	1½	3¼	5	11	13	14
Barclays (*459)	420	43	55	65	5	9	15½
	460	15	31	41	21	27	35
	500	4½	14	24	53	55	57
Blue Circ (*266)	240	31	37	45	4	8½	10
	260	16	25	32	11	16	19
	280	7½	15	22	24	27	28
Br Gas (*265)	220	52	58	60	1	1½	2½
	240	33	40	45	1½	3	5
	260	16	25	29	4	7½	11
	280	5½	13½	18	15	17	20
Dixons (*244)	220	30	37	45	3	7½	9½
	240	15	25	31	8½	14	17
	260	6	13	19	18	22	25
Eurotunnel (*445)	420	47	63	78	9	17	23
	460	23	40	55	27	35	40
	500	8	23	37	55	60	65
Forte (*271)	240	37	38	47	2	3½	6
	260	19	24	32	4½	9	11
	280	6½	14	20	14	18	21
Glaxo (*1295)	1250	87	122	155	27	42	52
	1300	55	94	127	48	62	72
	1350	30	69	102	79	90	99
Hawker (*597)	500	104	112	122	2	3	9
	550	62	72	87	7½	15	22
	600	27	42	60	25	35	40
Hillsdown (*236)	200	41	45	50	1	2½	4
	220	23	29	35	4	6½	9
	240	8	16	22	10½	16	18
	260	3	8½	–	26	28	–
Lonrho (*248)	240	20	29	31	5	9	15
	260	8½	16	23	15	18	25
	280	3½	9½	13	31	33	38
Midland (*226)	180	52	55	60	1½	3	5
	200	34	40	45	3	7	9
	220	17	24	32	8½	13	16
	240	8	17	–	20	24	–
Reuter (*816)	700	133	158	178	4	12	20
	750	90	120	140	11	23	33
	800	51	87	110	25	42	52
	850	27	60	84	57	68	78
R-Royce (*158)	140	18½	21	25½	3	4	7
	160	5	9½	14	11	13½	15½
	180	2	3½	–	28	28	–
Sears (*81)	70	12½	13½	16	1¼	2	3½
	80	5	7½	9	4	5½	7½
	90	1½	3½	6	10½	12	13
Thorn EMI (*771)	650	128	144	155	1	6	8
	700	82	100	115	4	13	16
	750	42	64	81	15	27	31
	800	14	37	55	41	51	53
TSB (*148)	130	19	22	24	1½	3	4½
	140	10	15	17½	4	5½	8
	160	2½	6	8	16½	17½	18½
Vast Resrs (*367)	60	13	16	18½	3	5	6
	70	5½	10½	13	7	9	11½
Wellcome (*719)	650	87	104	124	7½	16	23
	700	50	72	95	20	33	39
	750	24	45	67	45	57	62

	Series	Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
Enstn Elec (*177)	160	18	26	28	1½	4	7
	180	5	12	16	8½	12	16
	200	1½	5	8½	26	26	28

	Series	Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Nat Power (*152)	150	21	22	24	2½	3½	5½
	140	11	15	16	4½	6½	8½
	160	2½	5½	8½	17	19	20
Scot Power (*108)	100	12	16	–	2	3	–
	110	4¾	9½	–	5½	7	–
	120	3	5¾	–	14	15	–

FT-SE INDEX (*2601)

2450	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700
Calls					
Aug 178	132	88	50	23	10
Sep 208	160	119	83	52	30
Oct 219	176	136	103	73	52
Nov 222	183	147	114	85	60
Dec –	202	–	142	–	83
Puts					
Aug 4	8	15	30	57	108
Sep 12	18	28	45	74	106
Oct 22	30	41	61	86	118
Nov 29	39	53	73	96	127
Dec –	49	–	86	–	138

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Portfolio PLATINUM

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 28).

No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+4	+3	+2	+5	+3		
2	+3	+4	+3	+1	+4		
3	+4	+5	+5	+3	+3		
4	+4	+3	+2	+5	+1		
5	+4	+6	+5	+3	+2		
6	+2	+4	+3	+1	+3		
7	+6	+7	+1	+3	+5		
8	+6	+3	+2	+4	+2		
9	+5	+4	+6	+3	+4		
10	+7	+8	+1	+2	+5		
11	+7	+8	+2	+3	+6		
12	+5	+6	+5	+2	+2		
13	+6	+9	+1	+1	+5		
14	+2	+4	+4	+1	+5		
15	+4	+3	+2	+4	+1		
16	+4	+5	+5	+2	+3		
17	+5	+4	+3	+5	+2		
18	+4	+4	+5	+4	+3		
19	+2	+5	+3	+2	+5		
20	+3	+4	+2	+5	+2		
21	+3	+5	+5	+4	+2		
22	+1	+4	+3	+1	+4		
23	+6	+7	+2	+2	+6		
24	+2	+4	+3	+1	+4		
25	+3	+4	+2	+7	+1		
26	+3	+5	+6	+3	+4		
27	+5	+8	+1	+3	+7		
28	+3	+4	+4	+1	+4		
29	+4	+3	+2	+5	+2		
30	+1	+4	+3	+2	+3		
31	+5	+4	+5	+3	+3		
32	+2	+4	+4	+2	+5		
33	+5	+8	+1	+2	+5		
34	+3	+3	+2	+5	+2		
35	+4	+3	+3	+6	+2		
36	+7	+8	+1	+1	+6		
37	+1	+5	+3	+1	+4		
38	+6	+8	+2	+2	+7		
39	+4	+5	+6	+3	+2		
40	+6	+7	+1	+1	+6		
41	+3	+3	+2	+4	+3		
42	+4	+6	+4	+4	+4		
43	+5	+8	+1	+2	+7		
44	+3	+5	+3	+1	+3		

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Barratt's next move

"After Swanson's resignation as chairman, the burden falls on Sir Lawrie Barratt to restore credibility to the house-building firm he co-founded 33 years ago. But at 64, some analysts wonder if he is still hungry enough to turn the company round."

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Interim dividend is heavily cut

Midland plunges to £71m loss after provisions

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

MIDLAND Bank plunged to a loss of £71 million in the first half of the year and has cut its interim dividend by more than three-quarters after being forced to provide £530 million against bad debts.

Sir Peter Walters, the bank's chairman, blamed the recession for the "unacceptable" results. He said: "We remain in the grips of a recession of unforeseen length and depth. The bad debt charge reflects the continuing rise in insolvency and default with all sectors now suffering from the effects of the UK economic situation."

Brian Pearse, the chief executive, said the bank did not expect any improvement in the economy in the second half of the year. He added: "We accept that we are bumping along the bottom, but we are not optimistic about when the recovery will start. We certainly do not see ourselves as coming out of the recession yet."

As a sign of its caution over the economy, Midland is adding a £59 million general bad debt provision, to cover future losses on lending.

The results were at the bottom end of forecasts in the City, but the shares rose sharply by 19p to 225p, on signs that Midland's underlying business was improving and that the bank's reorganisation was taking effect. Richard Coleman, an analyst at James Capel, said: "The figures are surprisingly good at the operating level." The bad debt provisions, which were 77 per cent higher than in the first half of last year, masked a strong improvement in Midland's trading performance, due to tight cost control.

Trading profits rose 32 per cent to a record £480 million, as costs remained almost unchanged at £1.2 billion. In the past year, a radical reorganisation has cut group staff by 3,200, or 5 per cent of the workforce. This restructuring cost the group £55 million in the half year and includes the closure of 120 branches and 30 area offices this year.

The losses forced Midland to reduce its dividend to 1.7p, the same amount as the final dividend last year, and down from 7.3p last time.

Sir Peter said the dividend had been fixed after much debate by the board. "Given the poor economic environment and its effect on profitability, together with the fact that we cannot say when conditions will improve, the board has decided to conserve reserves and capital," he said.

Mr Pearse said that Midland was planning an overhaul of its personal and corporate banking products as part of its reorganisation. The bank wants to move most of its small business accounts out of area and regional offices into 250 main branches where they could be handled by senior managers. Mr Pearse said that, in the past, Midland's corporate service had been "over-engineered".

Midland's personal accounts are also being reviewed. Vector and Orchard, two of the bank's innovative accounts, are to be altered or abandoned. Instead, the bank will offer more traditional current and savings accounts and mortgages. Meridian however, the high net worth account, will be retained.

Midland's figures also suffered from losses at Thomas Cook, its travel agent subsidiary, because of the Gulf war. Cook fell from a profit of £13 million in the first half of last year to a loss of £4 million. Mr Pearse said the bank had no plans to sell the company, even though it was not a core business.

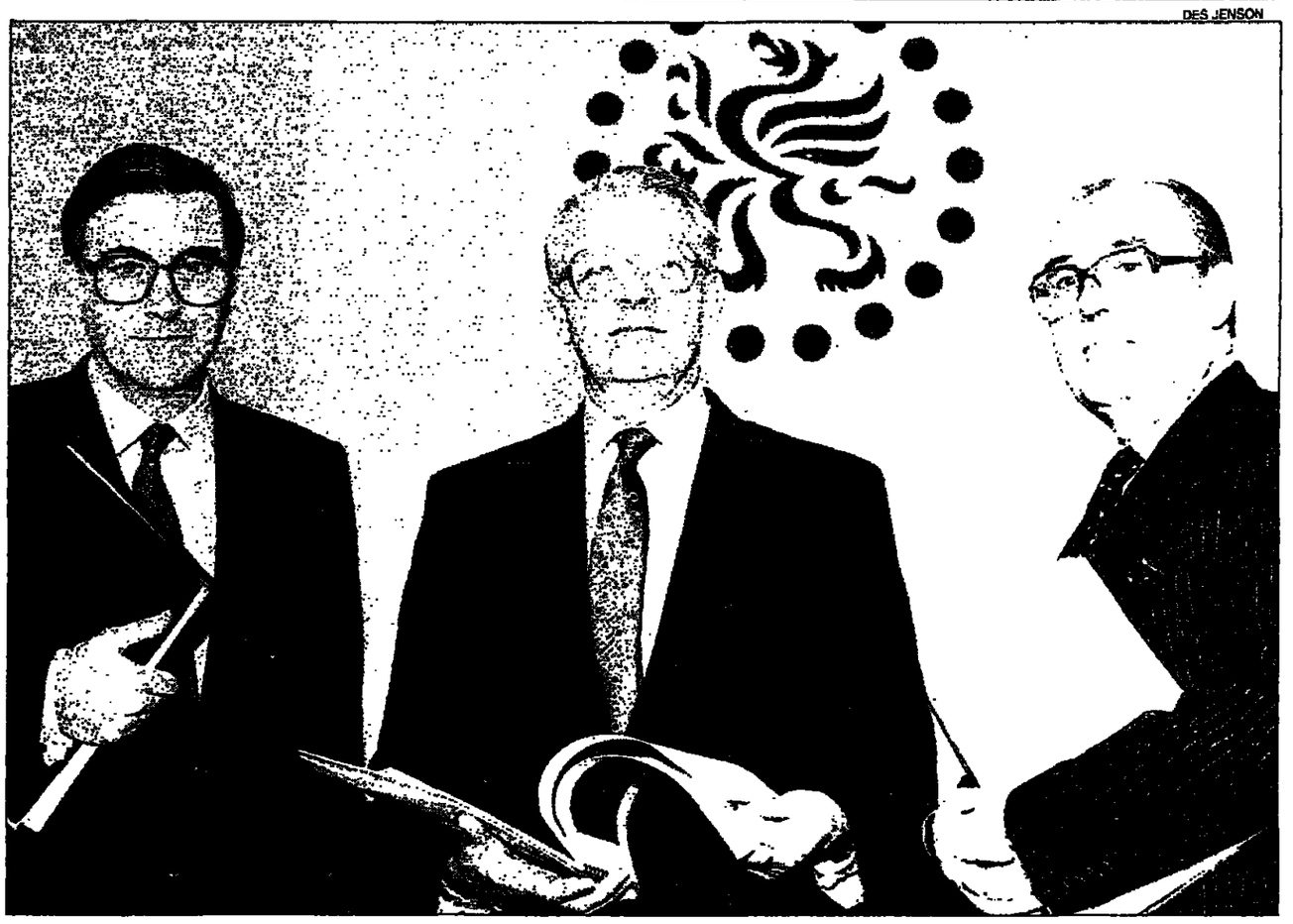
The best performer in the group was Midland Montagu, where profits rose from £17 million to £73 million due to a strong contribution from its treasury and capital market businesses.

Sir Peter said he had been surprised at the quality of Midland's business when he joined the bank in March. "In many areas, the bank was in better shape than I might have thought. Quite a lot was already in train, and it is only now, in these figures, you can see this showing through. We are entirely in the hands of the economy. If bad debts tail off, we will be back in a happy position sooner rather than later. But this half year will be very tough."

Following the example set by Lloyds and Barclays, Midland has made an £8 million provision for the £100 million levy that is expected to be raised later this year by the Bank of England's Deposit Protection Scheme to pay for compensation to depositors in the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

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In the grip of recession: Richard Delbridge, finance director, left, Sir Peter Walters and Brian Pearse announcing the results yesterday

Ofgas court threat produces rapid result

British Gas bows to pressure

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Gas announced plans to publish new prices for bulk gas hours after James McKinnon, the director general of Gas Supply, threatened to issue a final enforcement order that would have forced the company to publish reduced tariffs for bulk gas customers.

The breakthrough, after a five-month battle between British Gas and its regulator, has the hallmark of a key victory for Mr McKinnon. However, Ofgas said it would wait to see details of the proposals at a meeting on Monday before passing comment.

Failure to comply with an Ofgas enforcement order would have left British Gas in breach of its licence. Earlier, Mr McKinnon gave a warning that if Britain's sixth biggest company was to challenge the order in court and win, he would seek additional powers from Parliament.

Since March, Mr McKinnon has been trying to force British Gas to revise a 35 per cent price rise that has stymied development of gas-fired power stations.

Construction of high-efficiency gas power stations with low emissions is crucial to the government's hopes of creating a more competitive market in power generation.

Mr McKinnon said: "If British Gas chose to fight this one there would then be clear evidence that the powers that Ofgas has are inadequate."

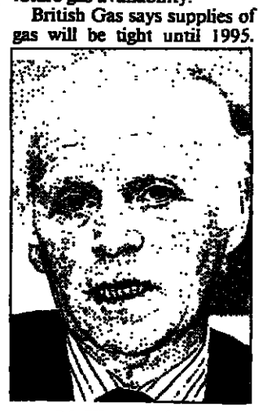
He accused British Gas management of vacillating rather than reach agreement.

Little more than four hours after Mr McKinnon's threat, Cedric Brown, British Gas's senior managing director, said the company was prepared to publish a new schedule of prices for the power generation market from 1995.

"The schedule will reflect market prices but will also incorporate safeguards to avoid damage to existing customers if demand threatened to outstrip supplies," he said.

British Gas said discussions over new schedules had been prolonged because Ofgas had "totally unrealistic" views on future gas availability.

British Gas says supplies of gas will be tight until 1995.



McKinnon: victory

Because of the time needed to plan and build new power stations, however, a new schedule which takes effect from 1995 may prove adequate to enable power companies to resume gas purchase negotiations.

The confrontation began after British Gas became alarmed at the level of interest in bulk interruptible gas contracts from would-be power station developers. It abruptly increased its tariffs for these contracts from 16p a therm to 22p a therm, a prohibitive level, claiming it had insufficient supplies available to meet the demand until after 1995.

Mr McKinnon said he believed enough gas would be available to meet power generation demand at a much lower price without any threat to domestic gas supplies. He is understood to believe that a new bulk interruptible tariff of 18p to 19p would be appropriate.

Airedale losses continue at £159m

By JONATHAN PRYNN

AIREDALE Holdings, the kitchen retail and joinery company, that was until last year better known as the Magnet Group, lost £159.1 million in the year to end-March. The loss includes an interest charge of £95.3 million on the borrowings used to take the company private in a £630 million management buyout in 1989.

The interest charge is being deferred under the terms of an agreement with the company's bankers made in June last year. Since the agreement, £146.5 million of interest and capital repayments have been rolled up, taking the total debt owed to £722 million and giving a negative net worth for the group of £453 million. A review of the financing agreement is due in December.

Also included in the loss is a £59 million extraordinary restructuring charge relating to stock writedowns and closure costs.

There are no directly comparative figures because of a change in the year end but for the nine months to end-March 1990, the company recorded a £70.3 million loss after interest of £51.2 million.

The company has made huge losses since the time of the buyout but the banks have continued their support, partly because the lenders have security only over the group holding company and not directly over the assets of the operating subsidiaries.

Yesterday's figures suggest that at the operating level the company may have turned the corner, despite the massive bottom-line deficit. The operating loss for the six months to end-March was £8.5 million, against £15 million for the half year to end-September 1990. The year to end-March saw an operating loss of £23.5 million on turnover of £225.3 million.

The operating companies have been reorganised into two divisions, trade and consumer, which Airedale said had "achieved a significant and permanent lowering of the group's entire cost structure". It said that it was cautiously optimistic and was well placed to benefit from the eventual recovery in consumer expenditure.

Electricity chief swaps jobs

From BOB RODWELL

THE chief executive of Northern Ireland Electricity, which is being prepared for breakup and sale to the private sector next year, will become managing director of Northern Electric, one of the recently privatised regional electricity companies in England, in November.

Tony Hadfield, aged 54, joined NIE in 1985. His contract as chief executive was renewed in May for three years and he was reappointed deputy chairman last week.

The announcement yesterday by Sir Desmond Lorimer, NIE chairman, that Mr Hadfield had resigned with effect from October 31 caused surprise in Ulster but follows a period of strained relations between Mr Hadfield and some members of the NIE board.

Last week, NIE announced record profits of more than £86 million, an increase of 36 per cent on the previous year.

Weinstock's pay raised by 28.5%

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

LORD Weinstock, the managing director of the General Electric Company, was awarded a pay rise of 28.5 per cent, to £469,000, during GEC's last financial year, which ended in March, despite a fall in profits and the freezing of the dividend.

His rise, at three and a half times the level of inflation in March, was published in GEC's annual report under "emoluments of the highest paid director" and is likely to add to the controversy over directors' pay rises, which have been little affected by the recession.

The announcement of Lord Weinstock's pay comes after the company made 11,000 redundant last year. Last month, Lord Weinstock said: "The process of reducing costs has not gone far enough. I am afraid there will be further job losses."

Pre-tax profits during the last financial year were down from £872.1 million to £817.6 million, while retained profits fell from £433.4 million to £251.7 million. The dividend was frozen at 9.25p per share.

After his 28.5 per cent pay rise and the fall in profits, Lord Weinstock announced last month that he and Lord Prior, the chairman, would not be taking pay increases this year, but added: "In general, levels of pay are too low. Some get too much, we get too little". Management emoluments, including pension contributions, were up 12.8 per cent to £3.31 million.

In the annual report, Lord Prior wrote that GEC would "look to a resumption of increased payments in future years as earnings advance".

He said the worldwide economic slowdown was "not helpful at a time when we were carrying the additional burden of absorbing the recent acquisitions of the Plessey and Ferranti businesses".

FT-SE index closes above 2,600 level for first time

By PHILIP PANGALOS AND ANATOLE KALETSKY

SHARES in London closed at a new high, with the FT-SE 100 index finishing above 2,600. Earlier in the day they came within 3.3 points of the all-time peak of 2,612.4.

Equities had been driven forward by a lack of sellers and a healthy premium in the September FT-SE futures over the spot index.

Shares in London came off their best levels after an erratic start on Wall Street. The Dow initially advanced by 17 points on talk of a cut in American prime rates but changed direction when this failed to materialise, and was showing an early deficit of five points.

The FT-SE 100 ended 10.0 higher at 2,601.7, having been up 17.4 points at one time. The narrower FT index of 30 shares added 7.9 to 2,014.6. Volume reached 479 million shares.

The official leading indicators, which are supposed to foreshadow turning points in the economy, fell again in June.

The shorter leading indicator, which signals turning points in the economy about six months in advance, fell to 89.7 per cent in June after increasing marginally to 90.1 in the previous month. The June decline suggested that the low point of the recession might not be reached before December.

The longer leading index, which moves about a year ahead of the economy, also declined slightly in June, but was unchanged in July. The longer index for July stood at 98.2, compared with 98.2 in June and 98.4 in May.

The longer index, however, has moved in a clear upward trend since September last year, when it touched a low point of 94.7. Despite the recent setback, therefore, the longer index suggested that an economic recovery might begin in the coming autumn.

The government also announced yesterday that 13,200 dwellings were started in Britain in June, compared with 13,700 a year earlier. Completions totalled 14,600, compared with 15,800 in June last year.

In the three months from April to June, seasonallly adjusted housing starts were up by 2 per cent compared with the previous three months and total completions were little changed.

Britain's official reserves rose by an underlying $35 million in July to $44.63 billion.

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Dollar hit by fall in US jobs

THE dollar fell sharply against the mark yesterday, responding to much weaker than expected American employment figures and growing indications that German interest rates were set to rise.

American employment fell by 51,000 in July, confounding market expectations of an increase of up to 100,000 and raising new doubts about the strength of the economic recovery there. The dollar tumbled by more than three pfennigs to DM1.74 and drifted as low as DM1.735 by lunchtime in New York.

Market pressure towards higher German interest rates increased sharply during the past few days, as German banks made more use of the current 9 per cent lombard emergency funding rate, in expectation of a general rise in interest rates later this month.

Yesterday, the Bundesbank injected a limited amount of funds into the money markets at 8.95 per cent. Lombard borrowing by banks has soared this week to an average above DM5 billion per day.

Airbus wins $3bn Singapore order

By HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

AIRBUS Industrie has won orders worth US$3.35 billion from Singapore Airlines for up to 20 four-engined A340 jets in a deal which will be a severe blow to McDonnell Douglas, Airbus's American rival.

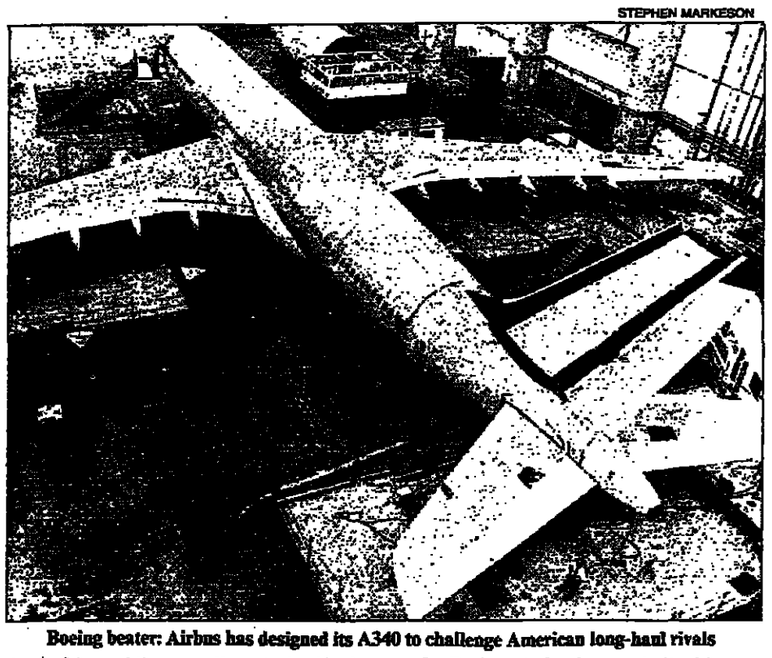
Singapore had previously planned to buy 15 MD-11 trijets from the American manfacturer but changed its mind because, it claimed, the aircraft had "not to date been able to meet SIA's long haul demands".

The orders, seven firm, seven subject to confirmation and six options, throw into question the long term prospects of the MD-11 which, with the Airbus A340, had hoped to challenge Boeing's dominance on long haul routes.

Deliveries of the Airbus, built by a European consortium in which British Aerospace has a 25 per cent stake, will begin in 1995 and will make SIA the first operator of the jet in Southeast Asia.

The first flight of the A340, the largest jet built in Europe for more than 30 years, will take off from Toulouse in October. Already, well over 100 A340s have been ordered. Airbus now has 459 commitments from 30 airlines for the A340 and the A330, its twin-engined sister, and is now confident of taking the lion's share of the rapidly-expanding market for aircraft capable of flying ultra long distances.

STEPHEN MARKESON



Boeing beater: Airbus has designed its A340 to challenge American long-haul rivals

The A340-300 version ordered by SIA will have 270 seats – 18 in first class, 48 in business and 204 in economy. It will be used on European routes, such as Singapore to Paris, which the airline does not regard as sufficiently large to justify the use of a Boeing 747-400 Megatop. It will be powered by CFM International CFM56-5C4 engines capable of taking it more than 7,500 miles non-stop.

The A340 uses many lightweight composite materials in its airframe, to reduce drag and provide a high level of efficiency. It also has the latest technology cockpit with computers automatically adjusting the controls by a system known as "fly-through-computer".

SIA now has a fleet of 45 aircraft with 14 Airbus A310s and 31 Boeing 747s. Their average age is four years and six months, the youngest of any airline in the world.

Credit cards take higher profile

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

THREE million people can now save points towards a flight in a Tiger Moth, a day's formula one powerboat racing or a session at the controls of a Boeing 757. A new Barclaycard profile points season began on Thursday.

This weekend, 2,500 people fly out of Britain, thanks to high spending on their National Westminster credit cards and in selected stores.

In the Barclays scheme, one point is awarded for every £10 spent. The smallest gift costs 190 points or £1,900 spent with the card. For this, cardholders can choose a model of a baby seal, a gold plated necklace and bracelet or a pack of three blank video tapes. These could be used in last year's star gift, a video recorder costing 6,000 points or £60,000 spent on the card. Last year, 73 cardholders received these.

Most big spenders, though, want excitement, so the daredevil activities has been increased. A few high spending men and women have already had a flying lesson, had a trip in a hot air balloon, power glided, rally driven and go-karted, courtesy of the points scheme.

Since January 1989, more than one million NatWest cardholders have registered for the air miles scheme, which awards one mile for every £10 spent. The scheme is also available from some retailers, and, to date, 150,000 cardholders have used the air miles for flights. The most popular destination is Paris, with 70,000 cashing in 450 points (£4,500) to make the journey. The scheme also allows miles to be used towards package holidays. Someone having spent £15,000 to get 1,500 points can receive £100 off a holiday.

Serious spenders are more likely to wait for one of the frequent special mileage reductions. In the spring, the price of all North American and Caribbean destinations was reduced to 2,500 miles (£25,000 spent) from about 10,000 (£100,000). Ten thousand people took up the offer.

The scheme is currently offering return fares to Australia for 8,000 points (£80,000) instead of the usual price of 20,000 (£200,000). Some cardholders have made the journey at the higher rate. Of the 500,000 claiming Barclaycard gifts during the past year, 22,000 paid 650 points (£6,500) for an Olympus Trip camera, which costs £49.99. The second most popular gift was an alarm clock, which then cost 175 points (£1,750).

The bank issues 150,000 points each day to cardholders spending £15 million. About 30 per cent of Barclaycard's customers have registered for the scheme. The imposition of an £8 annual charge on Barclaycard last year caused a dilemma for some points savers, who had to decide whether to continue saving for the chosen gift or set their targets lower and cut up the card. Many were angry that they only had a few weeks after cancelling their card to select their gifts.

At the moment, there are more than 1 million Barclaycard customers with enough points to buy something, but who are saving for a bigger prize. The new catalogue mixes points with cash to speed up the purchases. A flight in a Tiger Moth costs 1,250 points (£12,500 spent) plus £35.

STOCK MARKET

Index rises to record close

EQUITIES finally managed to close above 2,600. A bear squeeze saw shares move sharply higher in early trading, driven by an absence of sellers and a healthy premium in the September FT-SE futures contract over the spot index. Les Polden, the head of trading at Nikko Securities, said: "That's the tail that been wagging the dog for quite some time."

The FT-SE 100 index had continued to test the 2,600 level all day, at one time coming within 3.3 points of the all-time trading high of 2,612.4. However, prices in London came off their best levels after an erratic start on Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average initially advanced by 17 points on talk of a cut in American prime rates.

The FT-SE 100 index ended 10.0 higher at 2,601.7, a record close, having been up 17.4 points at one time. The FT index of 30 shares added 7.9 to 2,014.6. Volume, again bolstered by a program trade and this time reported to have been executed by Warburgs, reached 479.0 million shares. Gilts jumped by a full point in reaction to buoyant American bonds and the sell-out of the £1 billion, 9 per cent, 2011 tap stock.

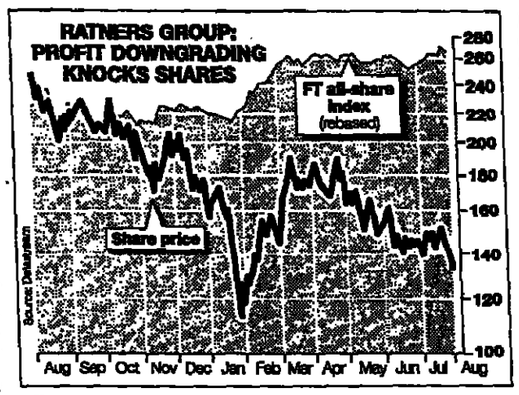
Shares in **Ratners Group**, the high street jewellery retailer, took a knock after profit downgradings from two brokers who have become wary that the trading situation is not showing much improvement. Morgan Stanley, the American securities house, has cut its forecast for the year to the end of next January by £10 million to £90 million, compared with £110 million last time.

Nick Bubb, an analyst at Morgan, expects the dividend to be maintained, although "cover is getting very thin". Mr Bubb expects Ratners' first-half loss to be bigger than the market thinks. He forecasts an interim loss of about £15 million, against a profit of £9 million last time. He said that gross margins in Britain are "pretty flat" and a second-half slowdown is predicted.

Mr Bubb added: "America is fine, but this does not offset the UK." Barclays de Zoete Wedd has also trimmed its forecast by £10 million to £85 million for the full year. Ratners closed 7p cheaper at 128p.

Elsewhere in the stores sector, which has enjoyed a good run recently, there was a bout of profit-taking. **Boots** recovered most of its early losses to close 2p lower at 415p, **Burton** lost 1p to 33p, **Kingfisher** 4p to 540p, **Marks and Spencer** 7½p to 277p, **Sears** 1½p to 81p and **Storehouse** 3p to 110p.

The clearing banks played their part in the market's advance after **Midland** made positive noises despite its higher than expected interim losses and cheered markets with a dividend, albeit much reduced. The shares jumped 21p to 228p as the market was



relieved by the absence of the much talked of rights issue and strong underlying growth in trading profits.

Elsewhere in the sector, **Abbey National** continued its recent run, adding 4p to 300p, while **National Westminster**, which is due to report next Tuesday, gained 8p to 323p and **Lloyds** firmed 7p to 377p.

Barclays, which has also enjoyed recent strong gains, slipped back 4p to 461p as the market digested Thursday's results and County NatWest changed its recommendation from "a trading hold to a trading sell". Leading composite insurers continued to make gains before figures from **Commercial Union**, up 13p to 539p. James Capel expects CU, which starts the interim reporting season for the composites next Wednesday, to report a first-half pre-tax loss of £26 million, compared with a profit of £16 million last time.

General Accident added 15p to 570p, **Guardian Royal** 3p to 183p, **Royal Insurance** 10p to 415p and **Sun Alliance** 9p to 385p.

Sun Life added 37p to £11.10, lifted by the news of an exclusive deal with Birmingham Midshires building society to sell mortgages insurance and investment products through its 192 branches.

Among the second-line issues, **Buckingham International** shocked the market with heavy losses and a dividend omission. The shares plunged 19p to 25p, having touched 20p at one time.

Wellcome rebounded 11p to 719p, after a long-awaited study of more than 2,500 patients found that AZT significantly delays the progression of Aids in patients with no symptoms.

American buying and brokers' recommendations helped **Reuters** advance a further 16p to 815p. **British Aerospace** jumped 9p to 579p after Singapore Airlines ordered seven Airbus A340-300s. The Ofgas threat to prices weighed on **British Gas**, 4p easier at 265p.

VTR, which is quoted on the USM, joined the corporate casualty list, dropping 13p to 45p after the group revealed a deterioration in trading conditions since the time of the interim results statement in April.

American buying in a thin market helped **Micro Focus** to another jump, this time adding 148p to 1848p.

The water shares recovered some of the recent losses. Among those showing gains, **North West** added 5p to 358p, **South West** 4p to 334p and **Wessex** 7p to 373p.

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Dale Electric International, the power systems group, rose 7p to 74p, making a two-day rise of 18p, after it reported a jump in final profits on Thursday. BZW has upgraded its pre-tax profits forecast from £1.3 million to £2 million for the year to next April, giving earnings per share of 10.4p. Dale's gearing is expected to fall as its contract in the Philippines progresses.

Dow rises on futures buying

New York

BLUE chips opened higher on futures-related buying but slipped slightly later in the morning. The Dow Jones industrial average was 14 points higher at 3,031.67 after almost reaching 3,036.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares closed easier in thin trading. The Nikkei index was down 44.76 points, or 0.19 per cent, to 24,027.97, with a light 190 million shares traded, down from 210 million on Thursday. The Nikkei has risen by 508.90 points, or 2.16 per cent, on the week.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index closed at a new all-time high on talk of a cut in interest rates, ending a week of consolidation above the 4,000 level. The index closed 29.39 points higher at 4,059.40.

☐ **Sydney** — The market closed at a 12-month high after an American investor went on a big buying spree in local shares. The all-ordinaries index closed 5.3 points higher at 1,582.9.

☐ **Frankfurt** — A drop of 0.5 per cent in prices left dealers unruffled, with many expecting a recovery next week. The Dax index ended 7.20 points lower at 1,615.36.

☐ **Singapore** — Prices closed mostly lower on profit-taking but newly-listed SAL Industrial Leasing stood out, trading briskly in an otherwise dull market, brokers said. The Straits Times industrial index ended at 1,477.62, down 5 points.

(Reuter)

WALL STREET

	Aug 2 midday	Aug 1 close
Abbott Lab	54¼	53⅞
Aetna Life	38¾	37¾
Ahmanson	18¼	18⅛
Air Prods	57¼	56⅝
Albertsons	26⅝	26¾
Alcan Al	20¾	21
Alco Stand	33¾	33⅜
Allied Signal	38	38¾
Alumin CA	69⅞	69⅝
Am Brands	42¾	42⅝
Am Cyanmid	65⅝	65¾
Am EPG	32⅜	32⅜
Am General	26⅜	26⅜
Am Home	62⅝	62⅝
Am Intl	65⅝	64⅝
Am Stores	41¾	40⅝
Amex	22	22¼
Amer Hess	55⅝	55
Ameritech	60⅝	60¼
Amoco	28⅝	28⅝
Ampco	52¾	53
AMP	52⅜	53
AMR	61⅞	62¾
Anheuser-B	51⅜	51¼
Apple Comp	49⅜	49¾
Archer-Dan	24⅞	24⅝
Arkla	16⅜	17
Armco	4¾	4¾
Armstrong	31⅜	31⅜
Asarco	26⅝	26⅞
Ashland Oil	30⅞	30⅝
AT&T	38⅜	38⅞
Allen Richfld	121	121⅛
Avtio DP	33⅜	33⅜
Avery Denn	24¾	23⅝
Avon Prod	46⅝	46⅝
Bethlehem	20⅛	20⅜
Bens One	43¾	43¾
Bankamerica	35	35⅜
Bard	25	25
Bemis Bk	30	29¾
Beusch Lmb	46⅝	46⅝
Baxter Intl	25⅛	24⅜
Bec Dickin	36⅝	36⅝
Bell Allen	47¼	47¼
Bellsouth	48	47¾
Bhr Hughes	28⅝	28
Black Decker	16⅛	15⅝
Block	58⅜	58¾
Boers Tst NY	58⅛	58⅛
Boeing	45¾	45¾
Boise Casc	24¾	24¾
Borden	33⅜	33⅜
Brist-Myer	85¾	84¾
Browng-Fer	26⅝	26⅝
Burl Nth	30	29⅝
CAI	6⅛	6⅜
Campbell Sp	50⅝	50⅝
Cap Cities	453	454
Capital HC	46¾	46¾
Carolina	48	48¼
Caterpillar	49¾	49¾
CBS	163⅜	162⅞
Central SW	46⅝	47
Champion	27⅝	27
Chase Man	19⅛	19⅝
Chem Bnkg	25⅜	25¼
Chevron	72¾	72⅝
Chrysler	13⅝	13⅛
Chubb	72⅝	72⅜
Cigna	48¾	48¾
Citicorp	14⅝	14⅛
Citrus Liz	43	43¼
Clorox	38⅜	38⅜
Coastl Eds	37¼	37¾
Coca-Cola	73¾	73⅝
Colgate-Pal	39⅛	39⅛
Colomb Gas	15¾	16
Compaq	43¾	43¾
Conagra	44¾	44¾
Cons Edis	25⅜	25¾
Cons NG	39⅜	39⅛
Cons Rail	68¾	67⅞
Cooper Ind	54¼	54⅜
Corning	64⅞	65¼
CPC Intl	86⅝	87⅛
Crown Cork	84¼	84¾
CSX	46¾	46¾
Dana	32¾	33
Dayton-Hud	67¾	67¾
Deere	52¾	51⅞
Delta Air	74¼	74⅛
Deluxe	45¾	46¾
Detroit Ed	23⅝	23⅝
Digital Eq	99¾	99¾
Dillard	125⅞	125⅞
Disney	120⅝	121
Dominion	48	48⅛
Donnelley	45	44⅝
Dover	37¾	38¼
Dow Chem	55⅝	55⅝
Dow Jones	25¼	25¾
Dresser Ind	22¼	21⅞
Du Pont	45¾	45¾
Duke Pwr	25⅝	25⅜
Dun Bradst	45¾	45¾
East Kodak	40⅞	40⅝
Eaton	63¾	64⅛
Emerson El	46	46⅛
Enron	60⅞	61¼
Entergy	24¼	24¼
Ethyl	25⅞	25⅝
Exxon	69	69⅞
Fed NMA	58⅜	58
Fedn Dpstr	40⅞	41⅛
Fst Nortstr	24¼	24⅝
Fluor	45¼	45⅝
FMC	46⅛	46¾
Ford Motor	32¾	32⅜
FPL	22	21⅞
Fst Chicago	22⅛	23⅛
Fst Interstate	27¾	28⅜
Fst Union	24⅛	24⅛
Gannett	45	45⅛
GAP	35⅛	35⅛
Gen Cinema	22¼	22⅞
Gen Elec	73⅛	73
Gen Mills	62	62⅜
Gen Motors	39⅜	39⅞
Gen RE	69	69⅞
Gen Signal	44¾	45⅛
Genuine Pts	42⅞	42⅝
Georgia-Pac	53⅜	55⅛
Gillette	40⅝	40⅜
Goodrich	44¾	44⅜
Goodyear	37⅜	37⅜
Grace	37	37⅝
Greyhound	34⅛	34¾
Gt Atlantic	41⅜	41⅛
Gt Western	18⅝	18⅞
GTE	29⅝	29⅝
Halliburtn	40⅝	40⅜
Heinz	38⅝	38¾
Hercules	42⅜	42⅝
Hershey Fd	41¾	41⅜
Hewlett Pkd	53¾	54⅜
Hilton Hti	41¾	41⅛
Home Depot	48	48
Homestake	18⅛	18⅜
Honeywell	99⅜	98⅝
Houston Ind	38⅜	38⅛
Howtld Int	51⅞	51⅞
Humana	34	34
IBM	100⅛	101⅛
IFSF	78⅛	79
Illinois TW	58⅝	57⅞
Inco	35¾	36
Ingsol-Rand	50⅝	50⅝
Inland Steel	22¾	23
Intel	50	49⅝
Intl Paper	69⅝	68⅞
ITT	58⅜	58⅜
James River	24¼	24¼
Johnson Jhsn	91⅛	91
K Mart	46⅜	46⅝
Kellogg	104¾	104⅝
Kem-McGee	41¾	41⅜
Kimbly-Clrk	96⅛	95⅞
Knght-Ridr	50⅝	50⅝
Lilly	76⅛	76⅛
Limited	29⅝	29⅝
Lin Brdcstg	69¾	69⅝
Lincln Nat	46	45⅞
Litton Ind	81⅛	80⅞
Lockheed	46⅞	46
Louis-Pac	42¾	42⅜
Manu Hano	28⅝	28⅜
Marriott	17¾	17⅝
Marsh McLen	73¾	73¾
Martin Mar	38⅝	38⅝
Masco	21¾	21⅜
May Dept	65⅛	65⅝
Maytag	15⅛	15⅝
McDnl Doug	54⅜	54⅝
McDonalds	31⅛	32⅛
McGraw-Hill	56⅛	55⅝
MCI Com	28⅝	28⅝
Mead	34⅝	34⅛
Medtronic	127¾	125⅝
Mellon Bk	31⅞	32⅛
Melville	48⅝	48⅜
Merck	127⅛	126¾
Merl Lynch	41¾	41⅛
Minnesota	65⅞	66⅛
Mobil	68	68¼
Monsanto	71⅜	71⅞
Morg Stl	25⅝	25⅞
Morgan JP	51⅛	51⅜
Motorola	66	66
Nat Medical	46⅝	47⅜
Nat Semi	6⅝	6¾
Nat Service	24⅝	25¼
Navistar	3¾	3
NCNB	34½	34⅝
NCR	106⅝	106⅛
NED Engy	39⅝	39⅞
Newmont Min	37⅝	38⅛
Nlagr Mtwrk	16⅝	16⅜
Nlkia	41¾	43⅜
NL Indstrs	16⅜	15⅝
Nordstorm	46⅛	45⅞
Nortk Stthn	46⅜	46⅛
Norwest	30⅞	29⅝
Nthn St Pwr	35⅝	36
Nthn Telcm	39⅝	39⅜
NY Times	21¾	22⅛
Nynex	74¼	74⅛
Ocdnl Petrl	24¾	24¾
Ohio Edi	18⅛	18
Oracle Sys	9¾	9
Oryx Energy	33⅛	33⅝
Pac Ent	26⅜	25⅞
Pac Gas Elec	22⅞	23
Pan Telesis	43¾	42⅝
Paccar	47¼	47⅛
Pacificorp	21⅛	21¼
Pall	36½	36¾
Partaumont	39⅜	39¼
Parker-Hanin	26⅝	26⅝
Penney	48¾	48¾
Pennzoil	72⅝	72⅞
Pepsico	31⅞	31⅞
Pfizer	62⅝	62⅝
Philips Pet	25⅝	25⅝
Philpps Elec	20¾	20¾
Phlp Morris	69⅜	69⅛
Phips Dodge	69	68⅝
Pitney Bow	66⅝	66⅝
Placer Dm	12⅜	13⅛
PNC Fncl	62⅝	62⅝
Pnhdle Eastn	12¼	12⅝
Polaroid	25⅝	26
PPG Inds	57	57
Procr Gmble	80⅝	80⅝
Prdntl	52⅝	53⅝
Primerica	31⅞	31
Pub Service	27⅞	27⅞
Quaker Oats	61⅛	60⅞
Ralston Pur	48	48
Raychem	23⅝	23¾
Raytheon	84⅛	84⅝
Realtck	27¼	27¾
Rockwell	52⅜	52
Rockwell	27¼	27
Rohm Hass	46	45⅞
Royal Dutch	82¾	82⅜
Rubbermald	54⅞	54⅝
Rynlds Nti	90⅛	89⅛
Safeco	39⅝	39⅝
Salomon	36⅛	36⅛
Sante Fe Pac	9⅝	9⅝
Sara Lee	43¾	43⅞
Schlmbrg	41¾	41⅜
Schlsbrg	68⅝	69⅛
Schrg-Plgh	55	53¾
Scott Paper	40¾	41
Seagram	106⅛	105¾
Sears Rbk	41⅛	41
Secrty Pac	23⅝	24
Sherwn-Wllms	24¾	24¾
Skyline	15¾	15⅝
Smkp-on Tls	33⅜	33⅜
Southern	27⅞	27⅞
St Paul	62⅝	62⅛
Stanley Wk	43¾	43¾
Stone Cntr	19⅞	20¼
Sun Co	30¼	29⅝
Suntrst Bk	30⅝	31⅜
Super Valu	28	28¾
SW Bell	54¼	53⅞
Syntex	42¾	42⅛
Sysco	46⅝	45⅞
Tandem	12¾	12⅝
Tandy	29⅞	29¾
Tele-comm	14¾	14¾
Teledyne	19¼	18⅝
Temple-In	46⅝	45⅞
Tenneco	36⅝	36⅛
Texaco	84⅝	86⅜
Texas Inst	33¼	33⅜
Texas Util	36⅝	36
Textron	34	33¾
Time Warr	85¼	85¾
Times Mirr	30	30¼
Timken	37¾	37¾
Torchmark	61	60¾
Toys R Us	31¼	31½
Transam	32¾	32⅝
Travelers	20¾	20
TRibune	44	44¼
TRW	44¼	44⅛
Tyco Lab	42	41¾
UAL	143¾	146
Un Camp	44¾	44¼
Un Carbide	21	20¾
Un Pacific	86⅝	86⅝
Unilever	83	82¾
Unisys	3¾	3¼
Unocal	25¼	25¾
Upjohn	45¾	45¾
US Life	40¾	40¾
US West	36	35¾
Utd Stz Gp	12¾	12¾
USF&G	7¾	7¾
UST	45¾	45¾
USX Mar	25⅝	25⅝
Utd Tech	46¼	47
Utd Telcm	27	26⅝
VF	28¾	28¾
Wal-Mart	47¾	47¾
Waste Mgmt	37¾	37¾
Wells Fargo	69¾	70⅛
Westg Elec	28	28¼
Weyerhsr	28¾	28¾
Whirlpool	36¾	36¾
Whittmen	13⅜	13¾
Wmn-Dixie	35¾	35¾
Woolworth	28⅝	28⅞
Wrigley	61	60¾
Wrnr-Lamb	66¼	66¾
Xerox	55¾	56

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FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,522	Cadbury	696	Lonrho	3,969	Royal Bank	1,581
Allid-Lyons	2,112	CU	651	Lucas	2,501	Royal Ins	971
Anglian	819	Courtaulds	2,143	M&S	4,798	Salnsbury	2,282
ASDA	3,904	Enterprise	967	Maxwell Cm	2,568	Scot & N	1,409
AB Foods	426	Eurotunnel	335	MEPC	427	Scot Power	5,868
Argyll	709	Fisons	2,353	Midland	12,270	Sears	3,995
Arjo Wigg	783	Forte	3,529	Natl Power	3,585	Severn Trnt	1,004
BAA	740	Gen Acc	1,388	Nat West	5,415	Shell	3,383
BET	2,660	GEC	4,835	N W Water	2,002	Smith & N	1,803
BTR	2,137	Glaxo	2,617	P&O	511	SK Beech	3,471
BAT	952	Grand Met	2,013	Pearson	306	Sun Allnce	1,625
Barclays	4,286	GUS 'A'	291	Pilkington	1,223	Tarmac	2,943
Bass	543	GRE	2,134	PowerGen	1,816	Tate Lyle	391
BICC	954	Guinness	602	Prudential	3,101	TSB	4,003
Bk Scotind	1,124	Hanson	4,170	Racal	2,733	Tesco	3,047
Blue Circle	731	Hawker	116	Rank	1,908	Thames Wtr	1,401
BOC	853	Hillsdown	701	RMC	351	Thorn EMI	1,304
Boots	1,297	ICI	658	Redland	392	Trafalgar	2,204
Br Aero	1,301	Inchcape	450	Reed	1,548	Ultramar	2,330
Br Airways	2,475	Kingfisher	958	Rentokil	90	Unilever	228
Br Gas	12,266	Lasmo	1,140	Reuters	800	United Bis	893
Br Petrol	4,968	Ladbroke	2,576	RMC Gp	285	Wellcome	1,079
Br Steel	4,216	Land Sec	990	RTZ	636	Whitbrd	484
Br Telecm	2,606	L&G	541	R-Royce	1,139	Willams	553
C&W	1,842	Lloyds	3,401	Rothmans 'B'	209	Wills Cor	399

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones ..... 3009.84 (–7.83)*
S&P Composite ..... 386.96 (–0.16)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average ..... 24027.97 (–44.76)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 4059.40 (+29.39)
FT-SE Euro 100 ..... 1116.44 (+2.04)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency ..... 93.7 (same)
Sydney: AO ..... 1582.9 (+5.2)
Frankfurt: DAX ..... 1615.36 (–7.20)
Brussels:
General ..... 5738.81 (+13.84)
Paris: CAC ..... 467.43 (+0.91)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 546.8 (+1.6)
London:
FT—A All-Share ..... 1241.97 (+4.66)
FT—"500" ..... 1377.48 (+3.30)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 180.7 (–8.5)
FT. Fixed Interest ..... 93.89 (+0.06)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 85.33 (+0.24)
Bargains 27356
SEAQ Volume 479.0m
USM (Datastream) ..... 124.87 (–0.27)

*Denotes latest trading price

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Capital Ventures	105	Trio Inv Tst (50p)	38
Claremont Gmts	157	US Smaller	102
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	104	Unichem	167 –½
Culver Hldgs	6½		
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	102		
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	68		
Eldos	38		
East Garmany Inv (100p)	106		
Etonbrook	68		
Eurocamp	240		
Geared Inc (100p)	105		
Greencore	230 +5		
Greenwich Res	18		
Headline Book (100p)	123		
Lowndes Lambert	309		
Manchester Utd (385p)	272 –1		
Mirror Group (125p)	109 –1		
Miskin Grp	15		
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	105		

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES

Burton Gp N/P	3 –1
Dean & Bowes N/P	¾ –¼
Eng & O'seas N/P	¼
Hemingway N/P	2½
Hewetson N/P	1¼
JLI Group N/P	17½
Mountleigh N/P	¼
Scottish Value N/P	½
Trafalgar Hse N/P	21 +1
Wheway N/P	2 –½

(Issue price in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
July 22	August 2	October 24	November 4

Call options were taken out on: 2/8/91 Conroy Petroleum, Control Securities, Medeva, Micro Focus, Ossory Estates, Spring Ram Corp.

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE				
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE				
071-837 5494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	15.25	15.10		
Bear	15.37	16.18	+0.08	
Owl	16.70	16.53	+0.04	
Wolf	14.16	15.27	+0.11	
Stag	14.79	15.57	+0.12	
Gilt Edged	14.16		+0.07	
Deposit	13.64		+0.02	
Pensions				
Squirrel	19.50	20.53	+0.03	
Bear	19.51	20.54	+0.08	
Dist	20.07	21.13	+0.09	
Bull	17.11	18.03	+0.13	
Stag	17.32	18.24	+0.18	
Gilt Edged	16.66		+0.08	
Deposit	16.52		+0.03	
Exempt App Mixed	198.9	190.7	+1.09	
ABBEY LIFE				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0202 292270				
Property Fund Inc	272.7	287.1	+0.1	
Do Accum	443.1	466.5	+0.2	
Equity Fund Income	132.0	139.5	+1.6	
Do Accum	162.1	170.7	+2.0	
Selective Fund	363.3	382.5	+3.7	
Money Fund	314.2	330.8	+0.5	
Prop Fd Ser 4	354.8	373.5	+0.1	
Equity Ser 4	164.1	172.8	+1.6	
Mngd Ser 4	478.0	504.3	+3.0	
Comr Ser 4	278.0	292.7	+0.5	
Money Ser 4	277.8	292.5	+0.5	
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	266.7	273.4	+1.7	
American Ser 4	351.5	369.9	+7.2	
High Inc Ser 4	187.7	197.6	+2.4	
Indexed Inv Ser 4	155.9	164.1	+0.4	
Japan Ser 4	298.4	312.9	+5.1	
ALBANY LIFE				
3, Dashes Lane, Potters Bar				
0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	£11.95	12.58	+0.04	
European Fd Accum	253.5	266.8	–0.4	
Fixed Int Acc	353.2	413.8	+1.2	
Gtd Money Fd Acc	283.4	298.3	+0.3	
Intl Man Fd Acc	425.2	447.5	+1.3	
Int Fixd Int Fd Acc	223.6	244.8	+0.5	
Japan Fund	270.8	284.9	+3.9	
Nth American Fd Acc	237.8	250.2	+4.1	
Prop Fd Acc	333.2	350.7	+0.3	
Multiple Inv Acc	782.4	823.5	+3.5	
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE				
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Fixed Int Dep Accum	317.9	334.7	+0.4	
Equity Accum	£10.29	10.83	–0.07	
Property Accum	487.3	513.0	–18.8	
Far East Accum	212.3	223.5	+2.1	
Managed Capital	429.0	451.6	+1.3	
Do Accum	806.3	842.5	+2.8	
Overseas Accum	713.3	750.8	+3.6	
Gilt Edged Accum	357.7	376.5	+1.5	
Amer Equity Accum	459.2	483.4	+3.2	
Amer Man Accum	348.4	366.6	+3.6	
Amer Prop Accum	129.0	135.8	+0.2	
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Freephone 0800 833 560				
Internacional	214.8	226.1	+1.04	
High Income	189.2	199.2		
Income & Growth	350.7	369.1	+4.95	
Basic Resource	130.7	137.5	+2.80	
American	203.8	214.5	+0.34	
Japan & General	411.9	433.5	+6.08	
Special Situations	248.5	261.7	+5.44	
BARCLAYS LIFE				
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB				
081-534 5544				
Equity Accum	514.5	540.7	+0.9	
Do Initial	466.1	490.2	+0.7	
Gilt Edged Accum	275.1	289.6	+0.8	
Do Initial	206.1	217.0	+0.7	
International Accum	289.3	304.6	+2.4	
Do Initial	215.3	226.7	+1.8	
Managed Accum	383.8	403.3	+0.9	
Do Initial	286.6	300.1	+0.8	
Money Accum	348.2	361.9	+0.8	
Do Initial	178.6	189.1	+0.1	
Property Accum	288.6	303.8		
Do Initial	197.1	207.5	–0.1	
America Accum	190.2	200.0	+3.6	
Do Initial	140.5	148.4	+2.8	
Australia Accum	167.8	180.3	+2.1	
Do Initial	119.8	126.2	+2.4	
Financial Accum	234.5	256.3	+5.5	
Do Initial	169.8	178.8	+3.4	
500 Accum	208.5	224.8	+1.4	
Do Initial	149.3	162.4	+1.9	
Japan &Gen Acc 2	231.7	238.7	+5.2	
Do Initial 2	208.7	251.3	+4.9	
Income Accum	378.9	398.2	+1.1	
Do Initial	285.0	300.1	+0.9	
Leisure Accum	184.1	193.8	+1.9	
Special Sits Accum	180.5	158.6	+0.7	
Univ Tech Accum	109.4	115.2	+1.5	
Do Initial	94.8	99.3	+1.1	
BLACK HORSE LIFE				
Mountbatten House Chartham Kent ME20 4JF				
0634 834000				
The Managed Fund	599.47		+1.54	
Income Fund	598.4	629.9	+3.9	
Extra Income Fund	544.5	573.1	+4.84	
Worldwide Growth Fd	374.0	393.6	+0.83	
Balanced Fund	510.8	537.4	+5.84	
Smlr Co's & Rs Fd	464.5	488.9	+0.10	
Int Technology Fund	348.2	366.1	+3.15	
N Amer & Gen Fund	396.2	416.8	+4.44	
Energy Int. Fund	134.1	139.6	–0.16	
Pacific Basin Fund	288.4	304.7	+0.14	
Gemsec Growth Fd	172.4	181.5	–1.48	
Japan Growth Fd	169.8	178.7	+0.13	
The UK Gth Fd	188.5	177.7	–2.04	
Cont Euro Gth	87.91	92.54	–0.88	
Property Fund	316.8	333.5	+0.42	
Fixed Interest Fund	237.5	250.1	+0.88	
Cash Fund	342.7	360.5	+0.88	
Managed Inv Fund	321.5	361.1	+3.35	
Nth Amer Recov	173.3	182.3	+4.52	
Abtrust Fund				

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SIB falls short of best advice



COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

It looks like investor protection is going back to square one. We have been expecting too much from advisers and should stop worrying about how much commission the poor darlings earn.

This appears to be the way that the Securities and Investments Board (SIB) is thinking. An inspection of the tied agent of an insurance company disclosed that 35 to 50 per cent of products sold were unsuitable for the investors. The information supplied by the customers should have led to other products being suggested. These, however, often paid lower commission to sales staff.

They may have been sold long-term insurance policies when they have said that they might need the money in the near future, or bonds when they would pay more tax than with unit trusts investing in the same areas.

Instead of suggesting that the insurance company should compensate every investor sold the wrong product and that better training should be implemented to make sure it does not happen again, SIB is now wondering whether it has been asking too much.

Until insurance companies stand to lose money for the misdeeds of their agents, they will continue to be more concerned about market share than the most suitable product for the client.

Mutterings are coming from SIB headquarters that good advice is good enough for investors and that best advice was never really attainable. The next stage, presumably, is that average advice will suffice.

SIB is also about to reject as unworkable the trade secretary's request that it should look at ways of making the disclosure of commission more visible for investors.

It would be unfair to provide details of the commission earned at the point of sale for the clients of independent advisers if this were not given to the customers of tied agents, the SIB says. If rules were introduced to cover tied agents, they would get round them. So there is no point in even trying to shed light on how much the big banks and building societies earn every time they recommend that a customer takes an endowment mortgage with the insurance company they have tied to.

When it comes to investments, the fact that a financial adviser stands to earn £2,000 if investors buy the recommended product but only £300 if they take another is only a red herring, the board claims. Somewhere in the mass of material provided, however, investors should be told how the company's expenses will reduce the yield of the investment.

In another about turn, the board is about to sanction investment companies providing goodies for brokers selling their products. SIB feels it has been too harsh in only allowing cash benefits. It is now considering adding technical help to the allowable means of payment. This may mean a new computer or at a stretch, if SIB is not careful, factfinding trips to Honolulu complete with a 20-minute slide show on the latest fund. The promise of grateful brokers that they will put large numbers of clients into the fund will be purely incidental.

Hidden loss

Londoners and others living in inner cities need more than a good pair of glasses to read the small print on the proposal form for Commercial Union's Keyplan home contents policy. They would have to be mindreaders.

For there is no mention made on the proposal form of one important fact. Anyone in a high risk area who answers yes to the question: "Do the doors and windows have the protection described in the accompanying booklet, *Protections for your home*?" will have their policy endorsed. Such an endorsement means the policy will not pay out for theft claims unless the policyholder has fitted specified locks to all accessible doors and windows and uses them when the house is unoccupied. The endorsement will only be spelt out when the customer receives the policy.

Householders in high risk areas would be sensible to use door and window locks. But Commercial Union can safely assume that most people will only read their policy when they need it, after a burglary.

They are not given vital information when they fill in the proposal form and need to make an informed decision.

Insurance companies are about to hit householders with higher premiums. It is adding insult to injury if these costly policies do not pay out because insurers apply hidden endorsements.

Revised code of practice drawn up

Bankers forced to strengthen customer rights

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

A NEW version of the banking code of practice should be published in the next few weeks. It will come at a time when banks have never been more unpopular.

The Consumers' Association reports a large increase in complaints about charges on personal accounts in the past nine months. Complaints about banks and the miscellany of charges they levy outnumber all other letters to Weekend Money.

The code has been extensively rewritten since the first draft was published at the end of last year. During the consultation period it was completely rejected by consumer groups and the hundreds of customers who made submissions.

The banks claimed they were misunderstood. Their lawyers were also blamed for the watering down of the code so that it appeared to protect the banks' rights and not those of their customers.

In the end, the draft fell far short of the recommendations of the Jack Committee on banking services and the subsequent white paper.

After the strong opposition to the code, the banks recognised they had to change the emphasis and strengthen customers' rights on key areas such as charges, confidentiality, and cash dispensers if they were to escape legislation being imposed to protect customers.

Now, the British Bankers' Association is confident that the new version will be acceptable to bank customers and that it will be in place by the end of the year, although it still refuses to endorse the pre-notification of bank charges outlined in the white paper. No one has yet agreed to monitor the code or codes to make sure they are adhered to.

The document is also taking a different form, in that it is now being described as a "base code". Individual banks are expected to launch their own versions and will be free to add to the rights of customers. This follows the request of banks to produce individual codes for small business customers rather than act as a cartel.

Pauline Hedges, spokeswoman for the association, said: "The code will provide a minimum standard below which no bank will fall. Competition in the market place will encourage banks to improve on it."

The main concern of consumers was the way banks levy charges without warning, which can throw a finely tuned account into the red. The banks have maintained that it would cost £60 million a year in lost interest, by forcing them to alter their computer programs and sending letters to warn customers that a charge is about to be levied. They also claim most customers are satisfied with the way the system works.

The code is expected to make it possible for a customer who is hit for charges in two quarters, after the first set of charges pushes them back into the red, to claim back the second lot of charges. An exception will be made if the bank can show the customer should have realised this was going to happen.

The revised code states: "Banks will disregard the charges to be applied to customers' accounts in any charging period if those charges were incurred solely as a result of the application of charges for the previous charging period. The foregoing shall not apply when customers have effectively been pre-notified in advance of the charges and given a reasonable opportunity to fund their accounts."

In addition, tariffs will be sent to customers when they open accounts, when there are changes, or when requested. They will also be available in branches.

There were also a large number of complaints about confidentiality. People objected to their names and addresses being handed to insurance or unit trust subsidiaries on lists of customers with sufficient funds to be interested in investment products. That should change. Banks will be stopped from passing on personal details without prior permission.

The code says: "Banks will observe a strict duty of confidentiality about their customers' (and former customers') personal financial affairs and will not disclose details of customers' accounts or their names and addresses to any third party, including other companies within the same group."

There are four exceptions. Banks can provide information when legally compelled to do so, where there is a duty to the public to disclose, where the interests of a bank require disclosure or where it is made at the request or with the consent of the customer.

The code specifies that marketing purposes are not sufficient for information to be handed over.

The banks will also take responsibility for money withdrawn from a cash dispenser with a lost card, unless the customers' negligence or complicity can be proved. If, for example, the customer had written their identification number on the card, enabling a thief or finder to use it, he or she would be expected to stand the loss.

Card issuers will bear full losses incurred where the card has not been received by the customer, and for all transactions after the issuer has been notified of a loss. Those losses occurring before notification of a missing card or where someone else knows the identification number will be subject to a £50 maximum. This will only be increased if the customer has acted with "gross negligence".

The code says: "In cases of disputed transactions the burden of proving fraud or gross negligence or that a card has been received by a customer will lie with the card issuer."

In the draft code, the onus was on the customer to show that they had not been negligent. Jean Eaglesham, senior researcher at the Consumers' Association, said: "The area of debit cards and cash cards is crying out for regulation. We should not have to rely on base law going back 100 years.

"Our real concern is about people's liability when there is the unauthorised use of a debit or cashcard. A rewrite of the contracts is essential to protect the innocent customer," she said.

"Banks and building societies will have to stand the losses of an insecure system. In the longer term a move to a different system of authorisation for cash dispensers such as voice recognition or signature recognition should solve the problem." The association has seen a surge in complaints about new charges introduced by banks. "The perception is that banks are using personal customers to ease the effects of the recession."

A report in the latest edition of *Which?*, the association's magazine, highlighted the problems of some of its members. A 14 year old was charged £8 for closing his National Westminster account, while a Midland customer who was told that there were no charges for an Orchard account was sent a £10 bill for providing a list of his direct debits and standing orders.

NICK MALAND



'The code will provide a minimum standard'

Limit to be set on losses from cash machines

PHANTOM withdrawals from cash dispensers continue to be a source of concern for customers since automatic teller machines (ATMs) were introduced. Until this year banks have refused to accept the possibility (Lindsay Cook writes).

This changed with the announcement in January that withdrawals could have been made from machines of Clydesdale Bank using information obtained while they were being serviced.

Both the banking and building societies ombudsmen sent questionnaires to banks and building societies with ATMs to check whether the problem could be more widespread.

Chris Eadie, deputy banking ombudsman, said: "We are confident that it could not be done in the same way again. That does not mean some other fraudster could not do it in another way."

Terms and conditions of the cards, however, can prevent customers winning compensation for money that they have not withdrawn and which the financial institution recognises has been taken by person or persons unknown.

In one case, £250 was withdrawn from the account of a Halifax Building Society customer while she was abroad and the card was in the safe custody of her elderly mother. Customers are liable for all withdrawals except those that happened after the society has been informed that the card or personal identification number have been stolen.

The code of practice, which will apply to banking services provided by building societies, should outlaw this condition, which is used by many building societies. The limit for losses will be £50 unless the customer has been grossly negligent. Several big banks have such a limit for losses from cash dispensers.

Girobank to disclose details about accounts

By SARA MCCONNELL

GIROBANK has told its 2 million customers that from this week it will disclose information on their private banking affairs to credit reference agencies. Material could be handed over even if they are not behind with their payments, the bank says in leaflets detailing its revised terms and conditions.

In addition, the bank will pass on information for marketing purposes to its owner, the Alliance & Leicester Building Society.

Customers can only stop such disclosures if they write to the bank "within a reasonable time". The leaflet states: "As a responsible banker... Girobank may check with credit reference agencies about, and disclose to them, information relating to customers.

"If you do not wish us to disclose information for marketing purposes or to credit reference agencies we shall not do so within a reasonable time of receiving written notification from you (unless you are in default when we reserve the right to disclose information to credit reference agencies)."

Customers will have to pay £10 to get access to information held about them on file.

The terms and conditions have been revised after the bank's sale to the Alliance & Leicester Building Society last year. This is the first time the bank has said it will hand on information on account holders' mortgages, bank balances and personal loans to credit reference agencies when they are not in default.

Any information passed to credit reference agencies is used by banks and other credit suppliers such as retailers, when they are processing applications for credit.

Girobank said: "We do not currently disclose white [where there is no default] information about our current account customers to credit reference agencies. However, we plan to do so on an exchange basis with credit reference agencies because we believe there are positive benefits for us and our customers. "We have a duty to avoid lending to those who might overstretch their commitments.

"Provision of this information will help us to identify better the good and bad risks. We would normally give a higher credit score to potential customers about whom we received a positive report and would help to ensure that we did not reject someone who we would otherwise accept.

"We see exchange of white information as contributing to our efforts to avoid fraud."

The banking code of practice should prevent the passing of details of customers' accounts or their names and addresses to any third party, including other companies within the group.

Banks do not normally pass on details about customers whose current accounts are not in default. The Office of Fair Trading, which licenses suppliers of credit and monitors credit policy, is to bring out a report on credit scoring and information use this year.

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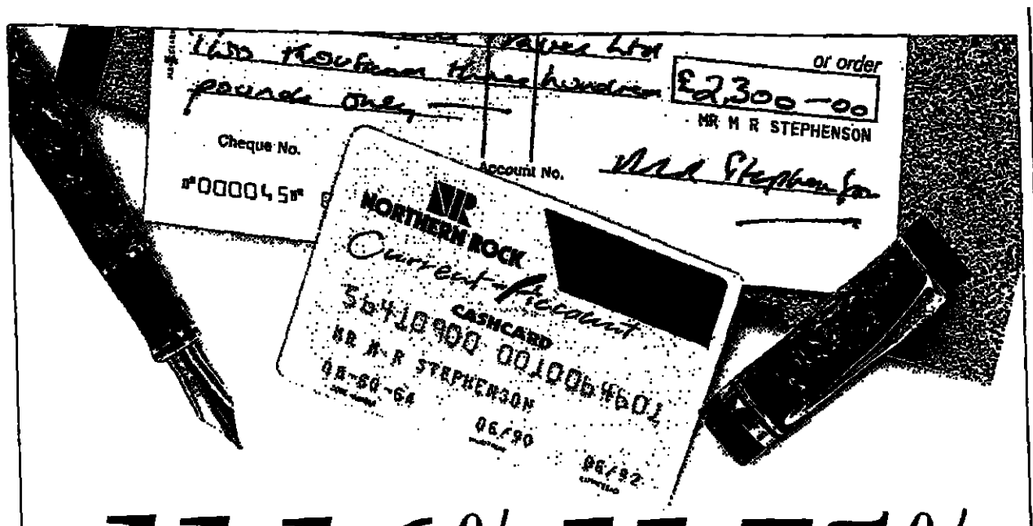
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Rule change puts end to BCCI payout abuse

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

THE rules for the banks' deposit protection scheme were changed this week to prevent customers of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) rearranging the status of their accounts to win bigger payouts.

The changes also mean that customers of other banks need to ensure any deposits are clearly held in the names of the owners of the money. The deposit protection scheme will pay up to a maximum of £15,000 per depositor.

Some city firms had been offering help in setting up bare trusts to allow depositors to divide accounts and place them in different names to get more than £15,000 from the scheme. In such trusts the scheme will pay not only the trustee but all the beneficial owners, up to the maximum.

The delay in the granting of the winding up petition for BCCI was allowing depositors to set up bare trusts so that the full amount on deposit would be covered by the scheme.

The statutory instrument laid before parliament stopped this and any future changes in account status when a bank is already in trouble. The effective date for establishing ownership of accounts is now the day a winding up petition is applied for and not when it is granted.

This will not make any difference to joint accounts held in banks that get into trouble in the future. Depositors who regard money as jointly owned should make this clear on documentation.

The scheme, set up under the Banking Act 1979, paid out £7.97 million last year. Compensation for depositors with the British & Commonwealth Bank and other failures this year had put the scheme under pressure even before BCCI was closed on July 5.

Banks now face paying about £200 million to compensate BCCI customers.

Only sterling deposits in the United Kingdom are covered. Customers wanting a claim form should telephone 071-601 3655, or 071-601 3050 for help completing the form.

The statutory scheme brought in to cover building society deposits under the Building Societies Act 1986 has yet to make a payment. Societies in trouble tend to be taken over by larger and stronger societies.

This can lead to windfall benefits for investors in the form of a bonus when the merger goes ahead. The building society scheme guarantees 90 per cent of the first £20,000 per individual investor.

Society executives, however, believe that investors will never have to face such losses. They believe that if a society was allowed to fail, other societies would rally round and pay at least 90 per cent of deposits.

Small societies and banks are under pressure as depositors transfer money to larger institutions. In the case of small societies, they are finding it difficult to match the offers from the large lenders, are not allowed to offer fixed-rate mortgages, and are severely restricted on non-status mortgages and low start loans. Rising indemnity premiums are making their mortgages more expensive for first-time buyers.



BCCI compensation: loophole has been closed

BRIEFINGS

THE Midland Bank and the Abbey National have cut rates on savings accounts and tax exempt special savings accounts (Tessas). The Abbey has cut rates on the Investment Account by 0.3 per cent. The High Yield Bond will pay 0.4 per cent less on balances of £10,000 upwards, while rates on the bank's instant access account, the Instant Saver, are down 0.3 per cent. Abbey's Tessa rate has been set at 11.9 per cent, down from 12.45 per cent.

NatWest's Tessa now pays 11.5 per cent instead of 12 per cent. Other savings account rates are being cut by 0.2 to 0.6 per cent. The new rates will be those with £10,000 or more in a Meridian current account, earning 0.6 per cent less. Rates have also been cut on other Midland accounts.

☐ The new Capital Gold instant access investment account from the Nottingham Building Society will pay 9.19 per cent net, 12.25 per cent gross on balances of more than £50,000. Balances of between £5,000 and £49,999 will earn 9 per cent net, 12 per cent gross. All transactions must be carried out by pre-paid post to the society, which will provide a first class return of post service.

☐ A guaranteed income bond that allows savers to lock into a fixed return of 9.4 per cent a year (assuming basic rate tax) for three years is being offered by Chase de Vere, the independent investment company. The minimum investment is £5,000 and the capital is returned in full on maturity. There is also a growth bond option with a guaranteed return of 30.93 per cent. The return for a higher-rate tax payer is 26.3 per cent.

☐ Terminal bonuses have increased for all Scottish Life pension and life policies with terms of more than ten years. Payouts on ten-year policies have remained static. The largest increase is on the 25-year policy, which will pay 3.3 per cent more than last year. A man aged 30 next birthday paying a monthly premium of £30 would have a total payout of £64,265, compared with £62,209 last year. The same holder of a 20-year policy maturing this year would get £36,774, up from £35,898. The ten-year payout would remain at £6,989.

Subsidence costs are unwarranted

From E.H. Steger

Sir, In Weekend Money on July 6, various insurance companies discuss weather-induced subsidence of houses and the costs of repairs. In my opinion, based on 40 years' experience, the main reason for high costs is unnecessary underpinning.

I have had to deal with some 90 such cases and have recommended underpinning on only four occasions. It always amazes me how often insurers accept underpinning when this is not warranted.

Yours faithfully,
E.H. STEGER,
16 Lingfield Road,
Wimbledon Common, SW19.

LETTERS

No go for Saturday's child

From Master Christopher Morrow, aged 11

Sir, I am writing to tell you about something I found out about last Saturday. I found out that I can't withdraw money from my NatWest bank account on Saturday mornings. Which is annoying as I am unable to go to the bank on Mondays to Fridays because I am at school, but I am too young for a cashcard so I have to go into the bank and as there is no counter service on Saturday I cannot withdraw money.

So what I have done, is I have sent a letter to five other high street banks to see if they will allow me to withdraw money on Saturday mornings. The reason I decided to open a bank account was for two reasons.

1: In the Post Office bank there is a minimum of £5 deposit, and I don't always have enough to make up the minimum deposit.

2: The Natwest in Derby opened on Saturday mornings' which was just what suited me.

I have been depositing and withdrawing money with them for over two years and I have only just been informed of the lack of counter service this Saturday, 27th July.

As you see I am stuck in between a rock and a hard place so all I can do is send letters and complain.

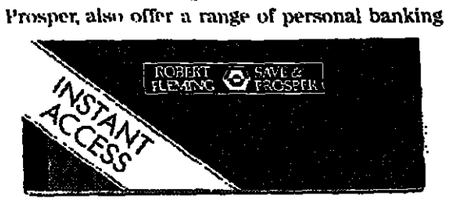
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	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Managers Acc	90.61	96.90	+0.67	2.11
Ins	84.50	89.81	+1.74	1.39
Div/Gth	46.88	52.80	-0.16	5.88
Global Gth Sec	82.05	85.37	+2.54	1.61
Extra	69.59	74.08	+0.89	3.12
High Inc Equity	157.2	145.8	+0.6	6.83
Wrldle Bond	304.2	216.8	+1.5	8.05
Gilt/Fixed	113.4	120.2	+0.5	9.57

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
16, Dunbar Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
Tel: 0224 633076 dealing (Freephone) 0800 289820
20, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DD
Tel: 071-374 6991

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Am Inc/Gth	31.54	33.55	+0.62	2.57
Euro	71.58	75.54	+0.12	0.30
Euro Inc	74.91	79.02	+0.47	1.55
Exempt	272.0	787.50	+0.8	5.12
Extra Inc	39.69	43.10	+0.34	7.16
F/E Energy Ex	82.66	88.56	+0.62	1.13

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
Tel: 0793 514914 Dealing: 0793 512345

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
High Inc	369.9	395.5	+3.8	5.21
Equity Inc	183.9	200.7	+2.2	4.67
High Yield	212.2	225.9	+2.3	4.91
Balanced	555.6	591.0	+5.0	5.10
Am Inc	34.88	37.14	+0.41	4.28
World Acc Val	88.05	95.19	+0.16	1.38
Japan	141.4	149.7	+2.9	0.51
Soc of Am	318.3	338.8	+6.9	0.51

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Capital	51.25	97.37 c	-0.02	3.59
Euro Gth Inc	92.81	98.00 c	-0.41	1.80
Extra Inc	95.09	101.7	+0.39	6.33
General	204.7	218.9	+0.1	3.60
Gt/Fxd Income	51.43	59.30	+0.16	9.98
Inc Trust	428.5	454.9	+1.5	6.15

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 185, Bedwardine, Kent BR3 4XG
Tel: 081-658 6002

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer Gth	68.22	73.23	+3.14	0.40
Asn Sm Cos	76.54	81.91	+2.06	0.70
Australia	61.89	66.48	+1.92	1.50
Convertible	44.95	48.67	+0.35	6.40
East	146.9	149.8	+0.5	1.20
Equity Inc	76.27	81.91	+0.27	4.39
Euro Gth	179.2	192.3	+3.0	2.29
Euro Smlr Cos	154.1	165.3	+0.5	1.49
Europe	69.72	74.82	+0.24	1.49
German Gth	45.89	49.62	+0.59	0.00
Global Gth	94.54	99.17	+1.34	1.00
Jap Gth	162.6	173.9	+5.4	0.68
Jap Smlr Cos	187.2	200.2	+4.7	0.00
Pcrd	98.59	105.9	+0.51	3.70
Pr Acc	187.4	174.7	+1.4	3.70
UK Growth	54.32	58.26	+0.33	3.00
UK Smlr Cos	68.01	72.70	+0.57	2.90
Select Man	53.72	57.14	+0.80	5.00

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
199, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3122

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Balan Gth Acc	90.70	96.51	+0.58	3.15
do Inc	76.2	81.5	+0.49	3.15
Global Bond	22.84	24.21	+0.11	8.47
High Yield Acc	40.48	43.50	+0.34	4.49
Do Inc	32.98	34.81	+0.27	4.49
Inc Gth Acc	42.14	44.47	+0.34	4.26
Do Inc	42.14	45.07	+0.15	4.26
Service Co Acc	65.88	70.46	+1.10	2.45
Do Inc	58.22	62.27	+1.04	2.45
Am Gth Acc	34.68	37.09	+0.32	1.55
Do Inc	32.86	34.52	+0.63	1.51
Euro Gth Acc	34.68	28.63	+0.32	1.55
Do Inc	25.18	26.80	+0.23	1.51
Managed Port	26.27	27.92	+0.50	0.00

BROWN SHIPLEY
Q-17, Pentymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Financial	108.6	113.8	+1.8	4.15
Smlr Cos Acc	180.7	192.4	+0.5	0.80
Do Inc	108.8	115.8	+0.5	1.57
High Inc	66.99	71.21	+0.28	5.14
Income	97.18	104.0	+0.77	5.21
Man Portf Inc	81.55	86.85 c	-0.27	3.50
Do Acc	148.2	157.89	-1.7	2.30
Mth Asset	77.73	82.78	+0.18	0.25
Orient	104.9	112.8	+1.9	0.58
Exempt	287.4	301.5	-1.2	4.46
Recov	32.10	34.36	+0.28	2.46
Cemcon	89.38	95.23	+1.11	0.00
Ind Recov	28.61	30.47	+0.42	0.26
Europe	20.90	22.47	+0.06	0.00
Conv Genl	17.58	18.72	+0.19	10.18

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	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Fellowship Inc	54.26	57.78	+0.16	2.74
Do Acc	58.51	62.25	+0.17	2.74
Inc Fund 3	169.1	178.8	+0.3	5.74
Do Acc 3	334.7	370.5	+0.47	5.74
Inv Prot Inc	14.18	58.09 c	+0.13	2.90
Do Acc	58.58	60.55 c	+0.16	2.90
Smlr Inc 5	62.10	97.69 c	+0.57	3.41
Do Acc 5	104.2	112.6 c	+0.7	3.41
Hi Inc Pri Inc	47.72	52.77 c	-0.06	6.03

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UK Growth	115.8	123.9	-2.0	2.79
UK Income	107.9	114.8	+0.1	5.61

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
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Tel: 081-902 8870

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
SE Asia	54.41	58.18	-0.28	2.12
Growth	39.92	42.69	+0.31	4.24
Income	48.83	51.98	+0.17	6.76
Far East	41.09	43.94	+0.14	0.70
Nth Dist 95	41.39	44.26	+0.14	0.00
Global	61.61	65.89	+0.92	0.28
European	60.34	64.54	+0.63	1.16
Japan	100.5	107.5	+2.0	0.01
Strategic Opp	47.07	50.34	+0.21	7.15
Int Currency	48.98	49.76	+0.08	7.14

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Old Change House, 128 Queen Victoria St, London EC4R 1AJ Tel: 071-236 5566 Dealing: 071-236 5362

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Capital Trust				
Am & Gen	55.66	101.7	+0.33	0.57
Do Acc	101.8	108.1	+0.54	0.57
European	58.36	62.01 c	+0.34	1.29
Do Acc	59.70	63.43 c	+0.34	1.29
F Eas(Gn	50.05	53.22	+1.25	0.00
Do Acc	50.05	53.28	+1.25	0.00
Gilt/Fixed	200.1	244.8	+5.3	2.46
Do Acc	249.2	265.5	+5.7	2.46
Growth	299.1	318.2	+1.9	2.61
Do Acc	488.7	517.8	-3.9	2.61
Inc &Gth Inc	285.1	346.9	+1.5	4.06
Do Acc	406.4	431.39	+1.5	4.06
Master Portf	234.44	86.57 c	+0.84	2.76
Do Acc	394.01	80.72 c	+0.70	2.76
Spec Sits	66.17	69.33 c	+0.15	2.89
Do Acc	73.40	78.05 c	+0.20	2.89
Blackwell Fund				
High Yld Exmt	10.47	10.80	+0.05	5.58
Do Acc	211.51	11.66	+0.04	5.58

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	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer Index	169.4	188.7	+6.0	1.67
Capel	474.0	505.3	+3.6	0.69
Euro Index	109.8	118.9	+0.3	1.82
Euro Growth	72.25	77.16	+0.11	1.77
Far East Gth	89.04	74.84	+0.88	1.22
Global Bond	19.90	21.17	+0.08	8.71
Gold Gen S S	69.35	71.57	+0.38	3.45
Hong Kong	45.79	49.06	-0.21	2.99
Income	449.0	472.7	+1.1	5.21
Ind Sp Sits	82.55	88.79	+0.91	1.51
Jap Gth	211.3	226.5	+4.8	0.60
Jap Smlr Cos	32.13	34.59	+0.57	0.00
Jap Index	84.59	89.83	+1.27	0.21
N Amer	311.2	332.1	+6.3	1.58
Sing Malay	37.37	40.59	-0.65	0.00
Tiger Index	95.49	101.9	+1.07	1.10
UK Index	108.1	115.3	+0.4	4.17

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Tidenham House, 19 Tidenham Yard, London EC3R 7AN
Tel: 071-606 0708

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer Portf	59.18	63.20	+1.12	1.75
Euro Port	62.19	66.39	+0.12	0.66
Jap Portf	45.57	48.63	+1.09	0.00
Pacific Portf	62.78	67.01	+0.43	0.00
Portf	88.84	63.78	+0.43	2.92
UK Ind/Gth	57.22	61.22	+0.27	5.42

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
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Fixed Int	137.5	198.1	+2.6	10.50
Deposit	100.0	..	..	10.86

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Income	507.0	509.4	..	5.70
Acc	218.39	16.53	..	5.70
Deposit	100.0	..	..	10.45
Fixed Int Inc	111.3	111.5	+2.55	10.40
Do Acc	125.0	125.3	+3.06	..

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	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Euro Gth	81.57	87.01	+0.37	1.51
1992 Euro Spc	90.95	95.09	-0.07	1.46
Ind Inc	66.13	70.72	+0.39	3.02
Man Gth	76.38	81.66	+1.31	1.44
Pacific Gth	76.38	83.80	+1.31	1.91
UK Gth Acc	89.86	98.47	-0.61	2.83
Do Dist	71.94	76.83	-0.54	3.00
UK Income	62.30	66.62	-0.50	6.76

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	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Am Gth	78.77	83.80	+1.82	1.70
Am Inc	80.22	85.34	+0.88	1.47
Far East	74.78	79.56	+0.85	0.85
Jap Gwth	36.37	38.69	+0.95	0.00
Managed Inc	92.96	98.94	+0.43	4.23
Do Acc	93.80	94.88	+0.47	5.21
Monthly Inc	42.01	44.69	-0.02	10.09
Smlr Cos Inc	27.65	29.41	+0.03	3.49
Do Acc	29.66	31.55	+0.03	3.49
Smlr Cos Inc	28.25	30.53	+0.15	3.96
Do Acc	71.47	76.03	+0.39	3.96
Wrldle Bond	48.93	52.06	+0.28	5.46
Do Acc	57.35	61.02	+0.30	5.46
Wrldle Sp Sits	45.13	48.02	-0.11	1.19
Do Acc	48.58	48.62	-0.11	1.19
Outlier Gen Inc	107.5	114.3	+0.86	1.25
Do Acc	113.8	121.0	+0.71	1.25
Outlier Inc	86.46	91.99	+0.69	5.68
Do Acc	100.2	106.6	+1.0	5.68
Outlier Intl Inc	105.2	112.8	+0.44	0.01
Do Acc	106.8	113.6	+0.45	0.01
Cntr UK Sp Sits	68.25	72.28	+0.34	4.37
Do Accum	88.88	94.55	+0.42	4.37

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	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Finance/Prop	83.07	83.89	+1.75	3.23
Fixed/Conv	33.57	36.03	-0.47	9.05
Inc	93.56	95.70	+1.17	9.05
Equity Inc	151.2	139.6	-3.09	5.46
Ind Inc	420.0	426.4	+15.1	5.46
High Yield Inc	107.3	114.1	+0.98	6.87
Do Acc	395.3	399.6	+3.34	6.87
Preference Inc	37.97	40.39	-0.02	10.89
Do Acc	172.8	183.8	-0.10	10.89
PPT Europe	127.8	136.0	+1.14	0.73
PPT Global	80.53	84.39	-0.05	3.51
PPT Gld/Com	48.74	49.72	-3.88	2.30
PPT Intl	88.99	91.39	-0.36	2.30
PPT HK	51.87	55.18	+0.31	1.35
PPT Jap	106.6	113.4	+1.5	0.85
PPT Nth Amer	108.3	108.9	+2.14	1.00
PPT Sing/M	72.48	77.17	-1.02	0.00
PPT UK	96.71	102.9	-0.70	1.59
PPT Cash	82.31	e+0.17		10.57

EPR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090520

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer	89.06	94.65	+2.72	1.15
Capt	119.7	124.0	+0.5	2.42
Convertible	22.36	23.76	-0.15	5.81
Eurofund	32.55	34.58	+0.23	1.16
Exempt Mngd	147.9	162.5	+0.5	5.77
Extra Inc	89.04	97.51	+0.55	7.54
Growth&Inc	91.22	96.92	+1.01	7.77
High Dist	142.1	151.0	+0.2	6.89
Ind/Growth	119.6	127.1	+0.2	6.10
Int	274.0	291.1	+0.5	1.51
Japan	89.06	94.65	+2.72	1.15

EUROPEAN UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LG Tel: 0242 577855

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Citizens Op Acc	68.24	67.06	+0.56	1.59
Japanese	89.50	95.72	+1.23	0.00
UK Balan Inc	97.76	104.6	+0.88	5.35
Do Acc	116.5	117.2	+1.0	5.35
UK Gth Accum	161.3	171.8	+1.5	2.09
UK Hi Inc	116.4	123.8	+0.9	5.62
UK Hi Inc Acc	124.9	132.9	+0.9	5.62
N Amer Acc	61.09	65.07	+2.37	1.65
Euro Acc	105.2	111.9	+0.5	0.55
Int Sp S Acc	41.70	44.39	+0.69	0.94
Emerald Opp	54.80	58.09	+0.38	1.39

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
41, Hermitage Gardens London SW7 4JU
Tel: 071-373 7261

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Endurance	147.5	156.9	..	1.87

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431400

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Bonds Pelican	103.9	109.1	+0.76	5.18
High Inc	108.5	114.3	+0.77	6.33
T Of Inv Tr	111.3	117.2	+0.52	3.22
Spec Sits	96.43	101.5	+1.02	4.34
N Am	77.51	81.59	+0.01	1.32
Per Dest	77.16	185.8	+2.65	1.31
Int Gth	77.27	81.34	+1.08	2.18
Jap	88.28	88.24	-0.01	1.82
Smlr Cos	93.02	98.81	+0.84	4.85

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 4BD Tel: 0203 553535

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Do Inc	197.3	210.5	+1.5	3.43
UK Gth Accum	483.4	489.8	+1.9	4.83
Higher Inc Acc	489.4	489.8	+1.9	4.83
Do Inc	284.6	324.5	+1.2	4.83
N America	173.8	185.0	+7.4	0.00
Do Acc	197.7	209.4	+8.0	0.00
Gilt/Fixed	89.3	95.1	+0.2	9.25
Gen'l	388.2	387.1	+3.2	2.41
Gen'l Acc	378.5	405.6	+3.2	2.41
Eq Excellence	84.71	89.31	+0.13	2.92
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Do Acc	87.61	71.72	-0.11	5.82
Global Ops	57.13	60.76	+0.85	0.21

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road, Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
American	165.3	174.7	+0.3	0.00
Cash Unit	130.95	e	+0.21	11.27
European	94.9	100.7	+0.2	0.00
Far East	84.3	89.5	+0.2	0.00
Inc Fund	101.4	106.6	-0.2	7.54
UK Gth	91.54	96.26	+0.34	0.00

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
Bin Floor, Exchange New Zealand Street London EC2A 3NY Tel: 071-628 8000

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Euro Income	78.94	83.04	-1.74	3.35
Far East	129.3	131.5	+2.3	0.00
Oriental Income	69.39	73.71	+1.36	3.63
UK Growth	81.51	87.46	+0.51	1.86
UK Gth Acc	104.9	112.5	-1.7	5.17
US Smlr Cos	136.5	146.1	+4.5	0.00

FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FY Tel: 071-377 4766

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Am Dis	289.7	311.8	+11.1	..
Do Acc	292.9	318.1	+11.5	..
Capital Inc	234.3	248.2	+1.5	3.32
Capital Acc	310.3	330.0	+2.4	3.32
Cont Smlr Inc	41.36	44.00	+0.14	3.57
Do Acc	42.26	45.14	+0.15	3.57
Conv Inc	101.6	107.99	+1.2	7.52
Do Acc	171.4	181.99	+1.9	7.52
Euro Inc	81.13	86.25	+0.58	0.54
Do Acc	81.13	97.25	+0.59	0.54
Extra Inc Inc	241.8	257.2	+3.8	5.53
Do Acc	318.8	339.0	+5.0	5.53
Financial Acc	68.51	72.84	+0.91	0.98
Do Inc	61.37	65.28	+0.91	0.98
Inc Trust	160.9	171.1	+0.7	5.31
Do Acc	203.7	216.8	+1.0	5.31
Int Gth	248.2	264.0	+3.5	..
Do Acc	276.5	295.3	+12.0	..
Jap & Gen Inc	182.4	193.4	+3.5	..
Do Acc	183.9	195.1	+3.6	..
Managed Portf Inc	77.11	81.49	+0.58	1.83
Do Acc	77.77	81.98	+1.05	1.81
Monthly Inc	122.5	130.3	+1.6	5.65
Recov	205.7	224.3	+3.6	1.25
Do Acc	227.9	252.9	+4.0	1.25
Smlr Inc	37.27	39.64	+0.14	2.99
Do Acc	40.39	42.96	+0.15	2.99
Gth Gen Inc	89.09	99.64	+0.65	5.13
Do Acc	84.17	89.55	+0.61	5.13
Gilt Inc Inc	57.19	59.87	+0.50	9.07
Do Acc	64.96	68.96	+0.57	9.07

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing 0722 413411 Admin 0722 411922

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Equity Dist	384.1	392.2	-1.66	3.83
Do Acc	384.1	392.2	-1.66	3.83
Euro Gth Dist	89.80	95.36	+0.58	0.71
Do Acc	91.34	97.17	+0.13	0.71
Fixed Int Dist	114.5	121.2	+0.74	9.41
Do Acc	175.5	186.5	+1.14	9.41
Inc Gth Dist	97.76	103.6	+0.28	4.72
Do Acc	95.25	99.41	+0.89	3.72
N Am Dist	143.2	151.3	+2.57	1.17
Do Acc	151.6	161.3	+3.18	1.17
Pen Equity Dist	220.5	233.1	+1.84	0.48
Do Acc	232.8	215.5	+3.08	0.45
Stwd Dist	235.0	250.0	+1.43	2.86
Do Acc	238.1	255.2	+1.63	2.86
Smlr Cos Dist	70.98	75.52	+0.46	4.84
Do Acc	71.41	75.99	+1.76	0.43
Do Acc	75.30	80.11	+1.82	0.43

GT UNIT MANAGERS
5th Floor, 6, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YE Tel: 071-283 2575 Dealing 071-626 9931

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Am Sp Sits	83.71	88.53	+2.26	0.00
UK Cap Inc	135.5	145.0	-4.4	4.35
Do Acc	229.7	239.2	-2.6	4.35
Do Spec Sits	51.22	54.46	+0.39	1.16
Inc Fund	98.49	105.3	+1.01	7.77
Intl	188.5	202.5	+4.6	1.24
US/Genl	85.58	88.98	+1.24	0.85
Jap & Genl	364.4	407.0	+15.6	0.00
Far East/Gen	205.5	218.9	+1.7	1.51
Euro	318.8	338.6	+3.4	0.00
Germany	84.37	88.56	-0.14	0.45
Intl Inc	85.98	89.46	+0.89	5.63
Wrldl Spec Sit	92.16	98.57	+1.38	0.12
Global Prp Inc	47.77	51.10	+0.51	2.99
Inc	46.35	52.79	+0.53	2.89
Smlr Cos Div	36.53	41.00	+0.51	6.90

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 071-623 1212
Dealing: 0277 264321 Services: 0800 289336

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	38.51	37.99	-0.06	1.95
Cash	114.64	c	+0.18	10.95
Prest Inv Inc	90.55	99.50	+0.48	3.84
Do Acc	180.5	198.5	+0.96	3.84
UK Spl Cos	93.99	100.7	-0.21	3.41
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	91.18	95.38	-0.78	7.57
Preference	20.76	22.28	+0.57	12.49
High Inc	36.57	39.57	-1.00	6.67
Income	105.9	114.5	-1.83	5.86
Ind Fxd Int	23.09	24.31	+0.14	7.73
International Trusts				
Gold Int	68.38	73.51	+0.90	0.76
Eurowarrantune	17.22	18.13	+0.01	0.00
Frontier Mkts	33.37	36.22	+0.72	0.80
Glob Inc/Gth	91.8	98.0	+1.3	3.52
UK/Intl	88.02	94.14	+0.04	3.54
Overseas Trusts				
Americas	94.57	100.7	+3.11	1.15
European	53.58	57.04	+0.02	0.00
Euro Sel Opp	84.44	89.77	+0.28	0.00
Am Emerg	46.17	48.91	+1.26	0.02
Hong Kong	88.38	93.57	+0.78	2.55
Japan	169.5	177.8	+3.95	0.00
Pacific Gth	94.72	101.2	+1.14	1.29

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 071-378 7979
Dealing: 071-588 0535

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Int Gth	104.9	112.2	+1.51	0.57
Amer Growth	81.17	86.81	+0.66	0.52
Euro Growth	81.07	85.07	+0.12	0.45
Far Horizons	42.11	44.39	+0.04	0.00
Jap Growth	89.90	73.89	+1.71	0.00
Pacific Inc	98.54	105.3	+0.42	2.75
Smlr Cos	98.10	104.9	+0.21	0.25
UK Prop Inc	70.80	75.62	+0.25	5.00
Gt British	45.19	48.40	+0.31	2.17
UK Smlr Co	36.97	39.55	+0.91	3.83

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
30 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE Tel: 071-538 8282

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Am Gth	107.5	114.7	+0.1	10.20
Gilt/Fxd Interest	110.2	116.8	+0.1	9.78
Gth Equity	269.9	276.7	+0.9	3.11
Guaranteed	386.5	396.3	+2.1	3.11
Managed	491.8	508.6	+3.6	3.36
Pacific	300.4	309.2	+7.4	0.00
Prop Shares	208.2	220.4	-1.0	3.97
Smlr Cos	219.2	227.7	+1.1	2.97
Euro Trust	310.7	327.2	+1.7	0.24

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 500 Edinburgh EH15 1EW Tel: 0 031-655 6000

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Global Adv Inc	29.34	31.11	-0.19	2.32
Global Adv Acc	30.02	31.83	+0.20	2.32

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Adelaide H, Redcliffe Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: Enquiries 0277 222300 Dealing 0277 262820

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
Amer Equity	65.9	69.2	+1.0	4.14
Capital	93.67	84.49	+0.91	0.35
Equity Inc	97.09	103.3	-2.08	7.60
Euro	122.3	129.4	+0.2	0.91
High Inc	81.25	86.1	+0.64	6.91
Int Gth	91.31	95.57	+1.36	0.00
Jap & Far East	99.67	104.7	+1.57	0.00
N Am	81.17	86.12	+2.49	0.39
Recovery	76.27	179.5	+1.14	0.00
Smlr Cos	26.13	27.82	-0.08	2.62
UK New Germ	34.70	36.91	-0.09	2.25

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Premier Int Administration Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd

Portfolio

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Zetters Gp	Leisure	
2	Douglas (RM)	Building,Roads	
3	Merchant Retail	Foods	
4	Photo-Me	Industrials L-R	
5	Speyhawk	Property	
6	Tipbook	Transport	
7	Wholesale Fittings	Electricals	
8	Grand Met	Breweries	
9	Hahns	Industrials E-K	
10	North West	Water	
11	Rentokil	Chemicals,Plas	
12	Granada	Industrials E-K	
13	Assoc Br Ports	Transport	
14	Cowie (T)	Motors,Aircraft	
15	South West	Water	
16	Trinity Intl	Newspapers,Pub	
17	Racal Telecom	Electricals	
18	HSBC	Banks,Discount	
19	McKechnie	Industrials L-R	
20	Booker	Foods	
21	Travis Perkins	Building,Roads	
22	LASMO	Oil,Gas	
23	Perry Gp	Motors,Aircraft	
24	Welsh Water	Water	
25	Euro Leisure	Leisure	
26	Ocean Group	Transport	
27	RMC Gp	Building,Roads	
28	Westpac	Banks,Discount	
29	Thames Water	Water	
30	Johnstone Press	Newspapers,Pub	
31	Greene King	Breweries	
32	Carclo Eng	Industrials A-D	
33	Sainsbury J	Foods	
34	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
35	Calor Gp	Oil,Gas	
36	Lee (Arthur)	Industrials L-R	
37	Brown (N)	Drapery,Stores	
38	Whitbread 'A'	Breweries	
39	Cadbury-Schwp	Foods	
40	Vaux Group	Breweries	
41	TT Group	Industrials S-Z	
42	Pearson	Newspapers,Pub	
43	ERF	Motors,Aircraft	
44	BAA	Transport	

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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £12,000 in today's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

The £4,000 Portfolio Platinum prize was won yesterday by Peter Bartlett, of Bramshall, Staffordshire.

BRITISH FUNDS

1990/91 High	Low	Stock		Price	Chg'e	Int only Yld%	Gross Red yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

99⅝	96⅝	Treas	9%	1991	99⅝	..	6.0 10.277
100	99⅝	Exch	11¾	1991	100	..	11.0 10.802
99⅝	95⅝	Treas	11¾%	1991	99⅝	..	.. ..
95⅝	91⅛	Treas	9%	1992	99⅝	..	9.1 8.597
99⅝	95⅝	Treas	9%	1992	99⅝	..	9.1 9.244
99⅝	97⅛	Treas	10½%	1992	99⅝	● ..	10.6 10.391
100⅜	98⅛	Treas	C10½%	1992	100	● ..	10.4 10.279
102⅜	99⅝	Exch	12¾%	1992	102⅛	● ..	12.0 10.154
101⅛	100⅝	Treas	12¾%	1992	100⅝	..	12.6 10.458
104⅛	102⅝	Exch	13¾%	1992	103⅝	..	13.0 10.178
103⅜	99⅝	Fund	9%	1993	100⅝	..	8.4 9.351
97⅝	93⅝	Treas	8¾%	1993	97⅝	● ..	8.4 10.101
99⅝	97⅛	Treas	10%	1993	99⅝	..	10.0 10.137
104⅛	102⅝	Treas	12¾%	1993	103⅝	..	12.0 10.128
108⅛	105⅝	Treas	13¾%	1993	107	..	12.5 10.146
96⅝	92⅝	Treas	8¾%	1994	96⅝	● ..	8.5 10.088
99⅝	93⅝	Treas	9%	1994	99⅝	● ..	9.2 10.134
99⅝	96⅝	Treas	10%	1994	99⅝	+⅛	10.0 10.064
108⅝	103⅝	Exch	12¾%	1994	103⅝	● +⅛	11.7 10.151
109	105⅝	Exch	13¾%	1994	107⅝	..	12.5 10.128
111⅝	102⅝	Treas	14¾%	1994	109⅝	● ..	13.2 10.142
88	72⅝	Gas	3%	1990-95	88⅝	..	.. ..
100⅝	94⅝	Exch	10¼%	1995	100⅝	+⅛	10.2 10.158
106⅛	100⅝	Treas	12%	1995	106⅝	..	11.4 10.150
109⅛	105⅝	Treas	12¾%	1995	109⅝	+⅛	11.7 10.169

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

98⅝	92⅝	Treas	9%	1992-96	96⅝	+⅛	9.2 9.841
100	95⅝	Conv	10%	1996	99⅝	+⅛	10.0 10.129
99⅝	87⅝	Conv	10%	1996 B	99⅝	..	.. ..
112¼	106	Exch	13¾%	1996	110⅝	+⅛	11.9 10.331
113⅝	109⅝	Treas	14%	1996	113⅝	+⅛	12.4 10.417
119⅝	115⅛	Treas	15¾%	1996	117⅝	+⅛	12.9 10.382
94⅝	88⅝	Treas	8¾%	1997	93⅝	●+⅛	9.3 10.051
102⅛	97⅛	Exch	10¾%	1997	101⅛	●+⅛	10.5 10.197
113⅜	108⅝	Treas	13¾%	1997	111⅝	+⅛	11.6 10.326
122⅝	117	Exch	15%	1997	120⅝	+⅛	12.4 10.434
98	92⅝	Treas	9¾%	1998-98	98	+⅛	9.8 9.958
98⅝	91⅛	Treas	9¾%	1998	98	+⅛	9.9 10.134
109⅝	104⅝	Exch	12%	1998	108⅝	+⅛	11.0 10.213
127⅝	121⅝	Treas	15½%	1998	125⅝	+⅛	12.3 10.305
97⅛	90⅝	Treas	9¼%	1999	97⅛	+⅛	9.7 9.966
107⅛	99⅝	Conv	10¾%	1999	106⅝	+⅛	10.1 10.162
102⅝	97⅝	Treas	10¾%	1999	101⅝	+⅛	10.5 10.128
111⅝	105	Exch	12¾%	1999	110⅝	+⅛	11.1 10.345
94⅛	89⅝	Conv	9%	2000	94⅛	+⅛	9.5 9.950
116⅛	110⅝	Treas	13%	2000	115⅝	+⅛	11.2 10.209
96⅝	89⅝	Conv	9¼%	2001	96⅝	+⅛	9.6 9.950
100⅝	93⅝	Treas	10%	2001	99⅝	● ..	10.0 10.018
99⅝	90⅝	Treas	10%	2001 a	99⅝	..	0.00 0.000
98⅝	90⅝	Treas	10%	2001 b	98⅝	..	10.0 10.018
118⅛	113	Treas	14%	1999-01	117	+⅛	11.9 10.255
81⅝	77⅝	Exch	9%	2002	81⅝	..	0.00 0.000
98⅝	91⅝	Treas	9¾%	2002	98	●+⅛	9.9 10.038
97⅝	92⅝	Conv	10%	2002	97⅝	..	0.00 0.000
100⅝	94⅝	Treas	10%	2003	100	●+⅛	10.0 9.997
117⅝	110⅝	Treas	13¾%	2000-03	117⅝	..	.. ..
99⅝	93⅝	Fund	9¾%	1999-04	99⅝	+⅛	9.8 9.958
97⅝	90⅝	Conv	9¼%	2004	96⅝	+⅛	9.6 9.954
108⅝	102	Treas	11¾%	2001-04	107⅝	+⅛	10.7 10.043
97⅝	90⅝	Conv	8¾%	2005	96⅝	+⅛	9.6 9.937
118⅝	110⅝	Treas	12¾%	2003-05	116⅝	..	10.6 10.049

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

85⅝	79⅝	Treas	8%	2002-06	84⅝	+⅛	9.4 9.948
86	81⅝	Treas	8¾%	2007	85⅝	+⅛	9.5 9.843
112⅝	105⅝	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	111⅝	+⅛	10.5 10.015
94⅝	88⅝	Treas	9%	2008	93⅝	+⅛	9.5 9.811
93⅝	88⅝	Treas	9%	2008 C	93⅝	..	.. ..
125⅝	118⅝	Treas	13¾%	2004-08	124⅝	..	10.9 10.019
85⅝	80	Treas	8%	2009	84⅝	+⅛	9.4 9.862
94⅝	89⅝	Conv	9%	2011	93⅝	+⅛	9.6 9.868
85⅝	80⅝	Treas	8¾%	2006-11	85⅝	+⅛	9.7 9.708
82⅝	74⅝	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	81⅝	+⅛	9.5 9.794
121⅝	113⅝	Exch	12%	2013-17	119⅝	..	10.0 9.957

UNDATED

85⅝	83⅝	Consols	2½%		85⅝	..	.. ..
83⅝	78⅝	Treas	3%		83⅝	..	.. ..
86⅝	82⅝	Conv	3½%		86⅝	..	.. ..
46⅝	38⅝	Consols	4%		46⅝	..	.. ..
35⅝	33⅝	War Ln	3½%		35⅝	..	9.8 ..

INDEX-LINKED

131⅝	125⅝	Treas	2%	1992	131⅝	..	.. ..
172⅝	166⅝	Treas	2%	1996	171⅝	..	.. ..
142⅝	137⅝	Treas	2%	2001	141	+⅛	.. ..
139⅝	134⅝	Treas	2½%	2003	138⅝	+⅛	.. ..
139⅝	134⅝	Treas	2½%	2006	138⅝	+⅛	.. ..
139⅝	134⅝	Treas	2½%	2011	137⅝	●+⅛	.. ..
117⅝	112⅝	Treas	2½%	2016	116⅝	+⅛	.. ..
115⅝	109⅝	Treas	2½%	2020	114⅝	..	.. ..
97⅝	91⅝	Treas	2½%	2024	96⅝	..	.. ..

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
311	211	Abbey National	288	291	+4	13.1	4.4	10.4
183	134	Alfred Mcalpine	165	170	..	6.0	3.5	11.3
214	158	Ambank (Henry)	198	202	..	6.0	3.0	11.3
214	158	Ambank Nv Z	198	202	..	6.0	3.0	11.3
1	½	Anglo Int	¼	½	..	..	..	..
1	½	Anglo Utd	¼	½	..	..	..	..
217	146	BTR	214	216	+1	4.7	2.2	18.6
274	174	Bank Of Ireland	274	276	+1	11.2	4.1	13.7
1	½	Bank Of Wales	¼	½	..	..	..	..
1	½	Bank Of Wales	¼	½	..	..	..	..
117	76	Barclays	117	118	+1	5.7	4.8	10.4
1	½	Bardon Hill	¼	½	..	..	..	..

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Cuba keeps faith with the people's choice



Helmick: earned approval

DAVID MILLER IN CUBA

"*YO quedo aqui*," proclaim the propaganda posters around town: I stay here. There are plenty of persuasive reasons for leaving Cuba as Florida well knows: illegal immigrants seeking the good life and criminals mischievously exported by Fidel Castro's regime. Ideological differences can have varying practical consequences.

The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) has an annual budget of one hundred million dollars ; or 50 cents per person per year, as Robert Helmick, the president of the USOC, prefers to say more moderately. This is the same sum as Cuba has spent on hosting the entire Pan American Games, less foreign loans, which began yesterday. Such are the financial disparities resulting from Cuba's increasingly isolated pursuit of its brand of extreme socialism.

Confronted with an economic crisis a year ago, Cuba had the choice of pulling out, losing face and wasting money, or keeping going at the sacrifice of its people. To the people's credit, they wholly supported fulfilling their responsibility.

The irony of these Games is that they are serving to close the gap between the, at times, neurotically unyielding political poles of Havana and the State Department in Washington. The Games will breach, like nothing before, the war of words, even to the extent of obliging Castro to moderate his hard-line policy in relation to the vilified United States.

El Presidente was lighthearted enough as he strolled and chatted among several hundred dinner guests at the Revolutionary Palace last night. Yet it must be disturbing for him that the Bush-Gorbachov summit talks specifically exclude financial aid to the Soviet Union during the continuation of Soviet assistance to Cuba. Castro is left with a difficult political equation.

President Bush has already side-stepped the official US political line by giving Helmick informal approval for the US participation here. Helmick had specifically requested, following the political strife of the Moscow Olympic Games and Cuba's absence from Seoul in 1988, that, if the government had a problem, the USOC should be kept informed. The light has been continuously green.

Regular individual sports competitions, in baseball, boxing, water polo and others, have been taking place between Cuba and the US for some years. But a multi-sports event can, in the petty world of international politics, be identified with ideological approval of the opposition.

Before the 1987 Pan Am Games in Indianapolis, there had been tense negotiations with the State Department, with Shultz having to give the final go-ahead for the admission of the Cuban team. José Ramon Fernandez, leader of the Cuban team and a right-hand man of Castro in the revolution, was the highest-ranking Cuban to have been admitted to the United States since the overthrow of Batista in 1959.

Now, the presence of 723 US competitors, 400 officials, 200 family relations, 180 journalists and 200 television crew is likely to create the reverse of Orwell's dictum that international sport is an unfailing cause of ill will.

As Manuel Gonzalez Guerra, the 75-year-old Cuban member of the International Olympic Committee, said yesterday: "The visitors from the 38 countries attending the Games will realise that we are having difficulties but, even so, we'll stage some top quality games. I think the Games will help open many doors for Cuba. The first thing the visitors will say is 'These Cubans are tough'."

The reaction of the US competitors has been one of uniform acclaim. Rick Oleksyk, from the handball team, said: "The people are so proud. They are making a big sacrifice for us because they can see the bigger picture."

The Cuban and US accommodation in the village is side by side. Competitors react spontaneously without ideological inhibitions. Dr Evie Dennis, the US *chef de mission*, says that athletes interact by sport – divers with divers, cyclists with cyclists. "If you'd been to the disco last night," she said, "you'd have seen everyone having a good time. That's the beauty of this kind of competition."

Sports people can be as insensitive as anyone when the chips are down in competition yet one thing is certain: they are uniformly insensitive to political propaganda.

FA and League move closer together

Leading divisions hold the key to peaceful solution

By PETER BALL

THE first and second divisions will be asked to approve a vital restructuring of the English game next week. If they agree, the Football League Limited will become a subsidiary of the Football Association Limited.

The radical proposal has provided the basis for growing accord between the FA and the League, which emerged in the meetings this week between their respective chief executives, Graham Kelly and Arthur Sandford.

It offers a way out of the impasse between the two bodies and, at the same time, could provide an ideal way forward for the English game. "The most exciting thing is we are all talking about the professional game as a whole rather than the Premier League," said one interested party.

The crucial factor in favour of this route is that it will allow the League to be preserved under the control of the FA, although both recognise that the first division clubs will have to be granted the constitutional and commercial independence they would have enjoyed under an autonomous Premier League.

Above the division's ruling body, the FA would form a Professional Football Committee – effectively an executive board, with representatives from the FA, League and Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) – to provide the unity of purpose which has so often been missing to the detriment of the game.

The beauty of the scheme is that it will satisfy all the protagonists involved in the hostilities this summer. The FA, whose authority was re-emphasised in court this week, will be clearly in control of the game while preserving much of the identity and heritage of the Football League.

It will also have an important practical application. The financial safety net, so essential for the lower division clubs and which has been threatened by the breakaway, would be assured.

The tax and contractual problems, which would be inherent in splitting up the League, would be avoided while ridding the League of the divisive management structure.

It will also give the lower divisions commercial autonomy but the preservation of the administrative functions of the League and its title would ensure that their status as members of the same club as the big five would be preserved.

Much now depends on the response of the first division, which would gain almost all it set out to achieve this summer. Some may insist that, if it went its own way, it could have everything rather than settling for 80 per cent under the new proposal. But the practical advantages, and the avoidance of problems with the PFA, could make it an attractive bargain.

☐ Cesar Luis Menotti, who led Argentina to their World Cup victory in 1978, has been appointed manager of Mexico.

☐ Arthur Albiston, the former Manchester United and Scotland defender, aged 34, has signed a one-year contract with Chester.

☐ Wales will play Brazil at Cardiff Arms Park on September 11 as a warm-up for their European championship match with Germany in Nuremburg on October 16.

New laws criticised by Taylor

By DENNIS SHAW

GORDON Taylor, the chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), thinks that the number of sendings off in the coming season will be higher than it was in 1990-1. Taylor's pessimistic prediction came after a meeting in Birmingham on Thursday when managers, players and referees discussed two recent law amendments by Fifa, the sport's world governing body.

These include the introduction of mandatory sending off for deliberate handball to prevent a goalscoring opportunity and a change regarding goalkeepers' "possession of the ball".

"The rumpus over sendings off will be even worse this time than they were last season," he said. "There were 230 in 1990-1 and that figure is bound to climb now, with referees instructed to send players off for handling in addition to the professional physical foul."

In addition, a goalkeeper will now be deemed to be "in possession" as soon as he deliberately touches the ball, rather than when he actually gathers it.

Arsenal rehearse for trials ahead

By DENNIS SIGNY

THE third Makita International tournament at Highbury today and tomorrow will give George Graham, the manager of the League champions, an early chance to assess two of the sides who could cross Arsenal's path in the later stages of the European Cup this season, Panathinaikos and Sampdoria.

Following Tuesday's draw against Celtic, in a game that exemplified all that is best in the British style of play, Graham is expecting Panathinaikos to provide a different test this afternoon with their cautious, tactical approach.

"I won't be changing Arsenal's style of play," Graham said yesterday. "We are going to play our own game. I have doubts about changing to a European style. I watched the French Cup final between Marseilles and Monaco, where they both played five men in midfield. It was a very dull game indeed."

A problem for Arsenal is that Alan Smith, the leading scorer in the first division last season with 27 goals, has a virus and Kevin Campbell a twisted ankle. Graham, who has not made a signing this summer, has dropped broad hints that his squad is "a bit short" and that newcomers may be on the way.

The tournament begins with newly-promoted West Ham United facing Sampdoria, the Italian champions, who include players of the calibre of Vialli and Mancini. Billy Bonds, the West Ham manager, whose side has been hard hit by injuries, has signed Mitchell Thomas from Tottenham Hotspur for £500,000 this week and taken Kenny Brown on loan from Plymouth Argyle. Thomas, however, will miss the tournament because of injury.

The game will provide West Ham with a test of their resources before their first division programme begins and also provides a platform for the vastly promising Stuart Slater to parade his skills. Slater had an admirer in Bobby Robson, the former England manager, and has since been selected for the England B side by Graham Taylor. Bonds has rejected an offer of £2 million for him from Celtic.

Arsenal won the original Makita tournament at Wembley in 1989, but lost 1-0 to Sampdoria in last year's final.

EQUESTRIANISM



Daunting task: Martin Lucas, on Senator Marbella, tackles the derby trial course at Hickstead today

Heffer moves closer to dream

By JENNY MACARTHUR

PHILIP Heffer, who has nursed a lifelong ambition to win the Silk Cut Derby, had a copybook rehearsal for tomorrow's £100,000 competition when he and Viewpoint won the rigorous Silk Cut Derby Trial at Hickstead yesterday.

Although the win was worth a comparatively meagre £2,500, it was hard fought. Eighty horses competed. Of these only six were clear over the long and difficult 13-fence course which included two elements of the Devil's Dyke and the "easy" side of the notorious Derby Bank.

Michel Robert, of France, was the first to jump clear in the jump-off but collected two time faults over a course which looked as if it had been undermeasured.

Heffer, whose 14-year-old, Viewpoint, is "never over the time limit" jumped faultlessly but also collected one time fault. His round, however, was put in perspective when Thomas Fruhmann, of Austria, riding his Hamburg Derby winner, Grandeur, collected two time faults to finish third behind Robert.

The two derby favourites, Joe Turi with Vital, last year's winner, and Nick Skelton with Alan Paul Apollo, who are attempting a third win, both retired, as planned, after the sixth fence. Michael Bullman, the owner of Vital, said: "It was a particularly difficult derby trial and we didn't want to tire him out. We're very pleased with the way he's jumping." Skelton was also concerned to save the 16-year-old Apollo for tomorrow.

Heffer, who, unlike most of his fellow riders, has a full-time job working in his father's meat packing business in Romford, has the opposite problem with the spirited Viewpoint. "I just hope that today hasn't quickened him up too much for Sunday," he said.

The Irish-bred gelding has competed in the derby only twice. He had 12 faults in 1988. The following year, when he won the Swedish Derby, he was one of only three who jumped clear at Hickstead but finished third after a jump-off.

An injury to his fetlock, sustained while out in the field, kept Viewpoint out of the competition last year. After a 2½-month lay-off he returned to the circuit last autumn and promptly won a class at Wembley and the Zuidlaren grand prix in the Netherlands. In deference to his age, Heffer now keeps him for just a few shows. On Thursday, just before coming to Hickstead, he was the runner-up in the Henderson grand prix at the New Forest show.

John Whitaker, who underlined his credentials for the derby when finishing first on Henderson Hopscotch and third on Henderson Gammon in the Irish Derby ten days ago, finished seventh on Gammon with four faults and collected eight on Hopscotch. New Zealand's Mark Todd and Kleenex Double Take, the runners-up in the Dubai grand prix at Hickstead in June, also had a reassuring outing to finish on eight faults.

RESULTS: 1, Viewpoint (P Heffer), 1 fault, 54.58sec; 2, Nonix (M Robert, Fr), 2, 55.32; 3, Boeckmann's Grandeur (T Fruhmann, Austria), 2, 55.98; 4, Brook Street Silver Dust (R Smith), 3, 56.11; 5, Henderson Monsanto (M Whitaker), 4, 52.63

POLO

New boys give Windsor Park a fright

By JOHN WATSON

GEOFFREY Kent's Windsor Park defeated Richard Guess's squad, Rowleys (received 1½) by eight goals to seven and a half in the semi-finals of the high-goal Cowdray Park Challenge Cup at Cowdray Park, Sussex, yesterday.

Rowleys, a local team who were assembled only this season, lost two of their regular members, Aguerre and Tari, and recruited Charles Graham and Patrick Churchward to fill the gaps. But, still pivoted on the nine-handicap Argentine, Omar Sosa, they displayed effective teamwork – especially considering they had received a bye and this was their first match in the tournament.

There was no score in the first chukka. But the second was essentially Rowleys. In it Sosa, Churchward and Guess each found the Windsor flags – Guess placing himself just right to take Sosa's pass. At half-time they lead 5½–4.

Windsor, led by Pite Merlos, their ten-goal No. 3, and backing one another up in fine style, had the best of the fourth chukka, and went ahead for the first time at 6-5½ with a straight long goal by Kent. In the fifth chukka, when Rowleys scored twice again, it looked like to be anyone's game until the last bell.

WINDSOR PARK: 1, G Kent (3); 2, R Matthews (5); 3, P Merlos (10), Back, Prince of Wales (4)
ROWLEYS, 1, R Guess (2), 2, R Graham (5), 3, O Sosa (9), Back, P Churchward (4).
LOS LOCOS, 1, C Tomlinson (3), 2, M Vidou (7); 3, M F Araujo (7), Back; S Tomlinson (3)
COWDRAY PARK: 1, C Pearson (2); 2, T Escuria (6); 3, A Kent (7); Back, P Withers (7)

MOTOR SPORT

Different formulae fit into one track

By STEPHEN SLATER

THERE is a rare chance to see Britain's two premier single-seat motor racing championships in head-to-head competition, at Snetterton, Norfolk, this weekend: Formula Three versus International Formula 3000.

Formula Three, cars powered by production-based two-litre engines, has been the traditional stepping stone into international categories for aspiring grand prix drivers for more than 25 years. Mika Hakkinen, of Finland, the 1990 champion, has moved on to driving in Formula One and the front runners in the series, Rubens Barrichello, of Brazil, and David Coulthard, of Scotland, are both keen to emulate him.

However, Formula Three has in recent years faced increasing pressure from a new national championship, run for year-old cars which have previously raced in the International Formula 3000 series.

These three-litre cars are powered by engines closely based on Formula One technology. Developing 450bhp, twice the power of Formula Three cars, they offer added challenges for their drivers and increased spectacle for viewers.

Drivers are still shocked by the death of Paul Warwick, who was killed in the previous race at Oulton Park. Warwick's team, Mansell Madgwick Motorsport, is planning to race at Snetterton, with Marco Greco, of Brazil, and Gary Ayles as their drivers. Phil Andrews, the Birmingham driver, and his teammate in the Lola cars will be the top opposition.

BOWLS

Baker out to pull off repeat

By DAVID RHYS JONES

JEAN Baker, of Alfreton, will meet Wendy Line, of Southampton, who she beat in the 1989 final, to decide the two-wood final in the national women's championship today.

It was almost an all-Derbyshire final at Royal Leamington Spa, as Norma Hazzledine, the county's president, forced her way into the semi-finals before losing narrowly to Line.

RESULTS: Two wood singles: Second round: M Woods (Sparrows Nest, Lowestoft) bt A Mainwaring (City and County of Oxford), 15-11. Third round: B Hutchinson (Bloscomfield, Solihull) bt L Thelwell (Marlow), 15-14; C Sharpe (Yate, Bristol) bt L Young (Benfield, Newcastle), 13-11. W Line (Southampton) bt E Fletcher (Poole Park), 17-15. N Hazzledine (Long Eaton Silver Band) bt A Haw (Bart Keech, York), 14-12. J Baxter-Avison (Carleton Conway, Notts) bt J Shears (Leominster), 16-13. J Baker (Alfreton) bt P Roberts (Roebuck, Stevenage), 13-10. G Daniel (Penryn) bt E Bessell (Yeovil), 15-10. C Anton (Peterborough and disk) bt Woods, 17-9. Quarter-finals: Baker bt Anton, 16-9; Hazzledine bt Baxter-Avison, 16-11; Line bt Hutchinson, 18-13, Sharpe bt Daniel, 17-6. Semi-finals: Baker bt Sharp, 13-8; Line bt Hazzledine, 15-10. Pairs: Quarter-finals: D Farman and J Campbell (Tonbridge) bt M Saunders and G Calver (Baldock), 22-12.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Today

FOOTBALL (3.0 unless stated): Makita tournament (Highbury): West Ham United v Sampdoria (11.0); Arsenal v Panathinaikos (3.30). Four-club tournament: Rangers v Coventry City. Pre-season matches: Ayr v Swansea, Bournemouth v Portsmouth; Dundee v Wimbledon; Dunfermline v Banik Ostrava, Enfield v Brentford; Fulham v Crystal Palace; Glentoran v Everton; Goole v Doncaster Rovers; Heart of Midlothian v Real Sociedad; Scarborough v Barnsley; St Mirren v Oxford United; Tranmere Rovers v Oldham Athletic; Watford v Norwich City; Morton v Newcastle United.
ATHLETICS: AAA/WAAA Combined events championships (Stoke). Dairy Crest Welsh under-20 championships (Swansea); Northern league knockout cup (Middlesbrough, Scunthorpe, Clackheaton and Wigan); Panasonic Southern League (various venues).
BOWLS: English women's national championships (Leamington Spa).
EQUESTRIANISM: Silk Cut British showjumping Derby meeting (Hickstead).
CYCLING: National track championships (Leicester)
GOLF: Weetabix British women's Open (Woburn). English amateur championship (Formby); Scottish amateur championship (Downfield); Welsh Victory Shield foursomes and amateur championship (Ashburnham).
POLO: Holden White Challenge Cup; Harrison Cup; Cowdray Park Challenge Cup (all Cowdray Park).
SPEEDWAY: Sunbrite League, First division (7.30 starts). Cradley Heath v Coventry; King's Lynn v Bradford. Gold Cup final: Berwick v Oxford (7.0). Phonesport Knock-out Cup: Arena Essex v Long Eaton (7.0)
SWIMMING: ASA championships (Leeds).
TENNIS: LTA County week (Eastbourne, Cambridge, Felixstowe, Bristol, Bude, Hurstanton and Roehampton).
YACHTING: LandRover Cowes Week; Admiral's Cup (Solent); Fireball nationals (Torquay); National 12 Burton Week (Paignton).

Tomorrow

FOOTBALL (3.0 kick-off unless stated): Makita tournament (Highbury): Losers' play-off (1.30); Winners' final (3.30). Pre-season matches: Athlone Town v Birmingham (5.0); Dumbarton v Man United; Falkirk v Southampton; Limerick v Manchester City; Shelbourne v Aston Villa (7.30); Celtic v Tottenham Hotspur.
ANGLING: National junior men's championship (River Welland, Spalding).
ATHLETICS: AAA/WAAA Combined events championships (Stoke-on-Trent); AAA 10km road race championship (Stoke-on-Trent); Wrexham Games; BVAP 10-mile championship (Oswestry).
BOWLS: English women's national championships (Leamington Spa); Bournemouth Open tournament.
EQUESTRIANISM: Silk Cut British showjumping Derby (Hickstead).
CYCLING: Wincanton Classic (Brighton, 9.15).
GLIDING: European women's championships (Coventry Gliding Club).
GOLF: Weetabix British women's Open (Woburn);
MOTOR CYCLING: British grand prix (Donington Park); Champion of Cadwell (Cadwell Park).
POLO: Holden White Challenge Cup; Cowdray Park Challenge Cup (both Cowdray Park); Laurent-Perrier Champagne – Captains-Subalterns (Tidworth).
SWIMMING: ASA championships (Leeds).
YACHTING: LandRover Cowes Week; Admiral's Cup (Solent); Fireball nationals (Torquay); National 12 Burton Week (Paignton).

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Cottrell-led consortium saves Leigh

TONY Cottrell, the forward who walked out on Leigh six months ago, yesterday emerged as the club's saviour (Keith Macklin writes).

The administrator of the debt-ridden second division club, Peter Adcroft, accepted an undisclosed bid by a consortium led by Cottrell, who is a local businessman. They have bought the players and the title and taken up a licence to use the Hilton Park ground for the 1991-2 season.

It seemed that the club, with total debts of £1.1 million, might have gone out of existence when it was put up for sale and there were no early takers at the offer price of £650,000.

Cottrell, who walked out after alleging that he was not being paid either wages or contract fees, said yesterday that a "fighting fund" would be launched in the town to help raise the money to purchase Hilton Park outright.

Finals relived once more with feeling

By KEN LAWRENCE

SPORT ON TELEVISION
THE WEEK IN VIEW

MENTION the FA Cup final to Joy Montgomery and you hardly have time to say "shock result" before she has a video of that Sunderland victory over Leeds United 18 years ago out of its case and running. She is no football addict, but will happily watch every day as her husband, Jim, plays his role in a part of north-eastern folklore.

Few who watched at Wembley on that May Saturday in 1973 will forget it – although Yorkshiremen prefer not to be reminded of it. Don Revie's Leeds United were in their prime; the Liverpool of that era. Sunderland were a second division club, managed by a journeyman called Bob Stokoe and living on memories of long-gone great days.

One goal from Ian Porterfield and a brilliant save by Montgomery left Revie glowering and Stokoe dancing across Wembley in a hat apparently borrowed from fisherman Jack Charlton.

We are into August and football is back with us, even though the fifth Test is yet to be played. Sky Sports will be covering next week's Charity Shield live and are marking the occasion with some classic finals, of which the Sunderland triumph is tonight's offering (they start at eight each evening until Monday). There are some misty-eyed reminiscences from key figures from each match.

Montgomery's long brown locks have been replaced by a silver mane that dignifies a football hero turned sports centre manager. The years have not dimmed the memory though. How could they when Sunderland folk have grown up on the legend? People who were not born in 1973 still want to talk about "that day".

Montgomery reveals that, such was his concentration, he never heard the crowd after he had walked from the tunnel. But he will never forget Porterfield's goal after 32 minutes. "My first thought then was if I kept a clean sheet we had won the Cup".

Even David Coleman, commentator on the BBC video, called it 1-1 in the second half when "Monty" made his supreme double save. Cherry headed goalwards; somehow Montgomery parried it. The ball went only to Lorimer, the Scot with the game's hardest shot, unmarked on the six-yard line. The goalkeeper, on his knees, somehow deflected the ball on to the crossbar.

You can see it tonight and also marvel at the commentary of Coleman. A Sky Sports production assistant, used to the battery of commentators and analysts that football broadcasts demand in the Nineties, asked in amazement: "Is he all on his own?". Coleman was indeed alone.

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: To ITV goes the honour of the first live football coverage from the home front. West Ham v Sampdoria and Arsenal v Panathinaikos (1.45 to 5pm). The first in a short series of classic FA Cup finals from Sky Sports is Sunderland v Leeds United (1973) at 8pm. *Grandstand* (BBC1, 12.30pm) features the national swimming championships, show jumping, Goodwood races and motor sport on four wheels and two. Live golf from Stockholm (1pm) comes from Screensport, with the final round at the same time tomorrow

TOMORROW: Show jumping's classic Silk Cut Derby with Joe Turi, last year's winner, Mark Todd, the Whitaker brothers and Nick Skelton among a 34-strong field chasing the £100,000 prize-money at Hickstead (BBC2, around 3.35pm). The final of the Makita International tournament at Highbury (ITV, 3.10pm) may feature Arsenal, who are also the subject of a Cup Final double bill on Sky Sports: the 1978 Ipswich match and victory over Manchester United a year later.

MONDAY: One of the big athletics nights of the year, the Malmö International, with Carl Lewis scheduled to meet Leroy Burrell (ITV, 8.30pm). Ricky Villa's superb goal for Tottenham Hotspur against Manchester City in 1981 is recalled on Sky Sports (8pm). And video – at 40 minutes past midnight – ITV's *Sportsworld Extra*

TUESDAY: The Kellogg's cycling tour of Britain sets out from Windsor (Channel 4, 6.30pm).

WEDNESDAY: Another good night for athletics buffs: the Weltklasse meeting in Zurich begins on BBC2 at 7.35, *transfers* to BBC1 at 8.00 and returns to BBC2 at 9.00. A preview to the US PGA golf championship, which Sky Sports covers live, is on the satellite channel (8 to 10pm).

THURSDAY: England's cricketers seek to salvage the Test series at the Oval (BBC2 10.50am and 4pm, BBC1 at 2pm). Ian Woosnam and Nick Faldo pursue the US PGA golf championship (Sky Sports, 6.30 to 11pm).

FRIDAY: Test cricket will be found on BBC2 all day (from 10.50am). The US PGA golf championship begins live at 6pm with two hours on Sky Sports Highlights of the first day's play are at noon.

ATHLETICS

Regis poised to cause rethink in the fast lane

From DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
MONTE CARLO

IN THIS adopted home of racing drivers, tennis players and golfers — Senna, Becker and Ballesteros head the list of those who have property here — the athletes have taken up temporary residence. The IAAF Mobil grand prix has come to Monaco, purchased for less than it takes to run Ayrton Senna's McLaren through the streets on Formula One weekend.

A £700,000 budget has bought not only the fastest engines of 1991 — Burrell, Lewis, Johnson and Regis — but a vintage model or two. Cram against Aouita in the 1,500 metres. The last time these two world-record breakers met, Mansell was not even contemplating retirement, let alone his comeback.

Aouita has had more injury problems than Cram during the past two years; consequently he has yet to achieve the world championship qualifying time of 3min 37.00sec and has only 11 more days in which to get it.

For that reason, meeting officials were assuming yesterday afternoon that, although he had entered the 5,000 metres as well, Aouita would contest the shorter distance. It would have been helpful, they said, if he had called to let them know. But Aouita has grown no less awkward during his two years away and no one could be sure if he was coming, when he was coming, or which distance he would run.

But, for Cram, there are new names to worry about, among them Morceli, the world's fastest last year and this. No such problems with the sprinters. All were here early. Lewis and Burrell travelling from Italy by helicopter on Thursday. The International *Amateur* Athletic Federation *grand prix*? Lewis and Burrell could afford apartments for themselves and a helicopter in the Senna neighbourhood if they had a mind to.

Regis has been here for a week. He will need to feel settled because, for the first time this season, he races Johnson, whose name is already on the world *championship 200 metres* gold medal in most people's opinion. Regis is out to prove most people wrong.

"If I could take Johnson's scalp it would give me a boost," he said yesterday. And have the experts thinking again.

The strength phase of his programme for Tokyo now advanced, Regis has been concentrating on speed and technique. He had wanted to run the 100 metres but decided too late to gain admission. "Depending on how my technique goes, I could run anything between *20.00sec and 20.50*," he said. Linford Christie's British record is 20.09sec; Regis's best 20.11.

The three main Tokyo *contenders are present: Johnson* (20.02sec *this season*), Frankie Fredericks (20.08) and Regis (20.12). "I know I am ready to run fast," Johnson said. If he does not, Regis could end his long unbeaten record.

Athlete to appeal against life ban

ROBERT Hamilton-Jones, the first British athlete to be banned for life for failing to take a drugs test, yesterday described his punishment as "ludicrous". Hamilton-Jones, aged 20, was astonished by the severity of the sentence imposed after he refused to give a urine sample following a 5,000 metres race for Team Solent in a GRE Cup *match last month*.

Hamilton-Jones, a student in Bournemouth, claimed that he had been unable to provide a sample because he was dehydrated and left as he was going to be late for his holiday job as a language teacher.

"If anyone thinks I take drugs, they only have to look at me," Hamilton-Jones said. "I'm the antithesis of a drug-taker, a scrawny, 5ft 10in middle distance runner. I am going to appeal against this, and I have no doubt that logic will prevail, *because it's ludicrous. But if* they still say they don't want me, then I wouldn't want to be part of the sport that could do that anyway."

His case cannot be compared to that of Jeff Gutteridge, the international pole vaulter, who was tested positive when training in Lanzarote three years ago and was the first Briton to be banned for life. Hamilton-Jones does not rank among the leading hundred 5,000 metres runners in Britain.

Tony Ward, the British Amateur Athletic Board spokesman, refuted a suggestion that Hamilton-Jones had been dealt with heavy-handedly. "All the correct procedures were carried out, and he was warned as to the *consequences of walking out* without giving a sample," he said.

☐ When the competitors arrive in Stoke this weekend for the AAA 10-kilometre road race championship, they might pass Carl Thackery, the AAA track champion at the distance, leaving town in the opposite direction (David Powell writes).

Stoke will become the centre of British 10,000 metres running for a weekend when the AAA championship, moved from its traditional winter spot to tomorrow, *will be preceded today by a* stage-managed 10,000 metres track race to help Thackery achieve the world championship qualifying time. This is Thackery's last chance to secure his seat on the plane for Tokyo; if he fails, Andy Bristow, Britain's second man home in the world cross-country championship, will be given the place.

ROWING

Junior scullers crown fine British display

From MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT, BANYOLES

BRITAIN has six crews featuring in today's world junior championship finals, after a mature performance by Domenyk Honey and Chris Elmitt in yesterday's double sculls semi-final.

The crew retained its composure in fifth place to halfway, before overtaking Switzerland in the third quarter and France soon after 1,500 metres. Honey and Elmitt are the first British junior scullers to reach a final since 1985.

Of the 28 nations competing, only Germany and Czechoslovakia have more than six finalists. The united German *team has most, with finalists in* all 14 events.

Despite the good performances, winning medals will be difficult. The men's coxless four leads the attack, but a titanic six-crew battle is in prospect, with Germany, Australia and Czechoslovakia the major threats. Germany and the Soviet Union look to be the fastest eights, but the other four crews, Great Britain included, were separated by no more than 20 feet on Thursday.

The men's coxed four's form, like their predecessors in 1990, suggests that they will finish outside the medals, but their coach, Julian Fox, produced bronze from a similar situation last year. The women's coxless four, with two good races behind them, would create history with a medal of any hue.

☐ Patricia Reid's appeal against her omission from the British team for the world championships has been disallowed by the Amateur Rowing Association appeals panel. Reid said that the panel had been sympathetic, but had ruled that Mark Lees, the director of performance, had acted correctly.

FINALS QUALIFIERS: Men: Double sculls: Norway 6:39; Belgium 6:42; Great Britain 6:44; Germany 6:34; Czechoslovakia 6:39; Yugoslavia 6:39. Quad sculls: Germany 6:04, Italy 6:04, Poland 6:07; France 6:08, Soviet Union 6:09, Portugal 6:11 (Great Britain race in C final). Women: double sculls: Yugoslavia 7:24, Sweden 7:25, Czechoslovakia 7:26, Germany 7:23; Australia 7:25; Denmark 7:25 (Great Britain race in C final).

SQUASH RACKETS

Martin leads charge

By COLIN MCQUILLAN

THE group of leading Australians which has harried the two dominant Pakistanis around the world in recent seasons, with little reward, closed in for the kill in Adelaide yesterday.

Rodney Martin comprehensively defeated Jansher Khan, the defending champion, to give the host country three players, along with Jahangir Khan, in the semi-finals today of the world open championship.

Jahangir, aged 27, who has not held the world championship since 1988, meets Chris Robertson, the 15-13, 8-15, 15-12, 15-12 winner of an all-Australian quarter-final with Brett Martin.

It was the younger Martin who stole the headlines, however, with his 39-minute 15-8, 15-7, 15-9 defeat of Jansher, who took a 5-2 lead in the opening game, but never rose to the counter-attack launched by the gangling Australian.

Chris Dittmar, playing in front of his home crowd, demolished another Australian, Anthony Hill, 15-6, 15-3, 15-6 in 22 minutes and will play Rodney Martin in his semi-final.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: R Martin (Aus) bt Jansher Khan (Pak), 15-8, 15-7, 15-9; C Dittmar (Aus) bt A Hill (Aus), 15-6, 15-3, 15-6; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt R Norman (NZ), 15-5, 15-5, 15-7; C Robertson (Aus) bt B Martin (Aus), 15-13, 8-15, 15-12, 15-12.

☐ Lisa Opie, the British Open champion, lost to Liz Irving, of Australia, in the quarter-finals of the South Australian women's open yesterday.



Striding clear: Sahara Star, John Reid aboard, comfortably winning the Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood yesterday

Cole maintains momentum as Fly Away Soon surges ahead

By MICHAEL SEELY
RACING CORRESPONDENT

PAUL Cole's remarkable season continued at Goodwood yesterday when the one-time French Derby candidate Fly Away Soon returned to his best when beating Magnificent Star by three-quarters of a length after a driving finish to the Schroders Glorious Stakes.

The patience that Cole has shown in his training of Generous has again been in evidence in his handling of Fly Away Soon who, after winning so impressively at Kempton in April, had hung badly when disappointing in a listed race on the same track and again when winning a minor event at Lingfield.

"He developed a back problem, which became worse after Lingfield. So we just had to give him time to get over it," Cole said.

In both his earlier wins Fly Away Soon had made virtually all the running. But yesterday *Richard Quinn* bided his time before bringing the 8-1 winner through to catch the favourite inside the last furlong.

"We didn't feel there was any pressure on us today," Cole continued. "So we thought we'd experiment by having him held up. We'll now try and find a group race for him in Italy."

Fly Away Soon's galloping companion in some spectacular work at Whatcombe on Wednesday was Ruby Tiger, but unfortunately Sue Blacker's admirably consistent filly is by no means a certain runner in this afternoon's Nassau Stakes. "She worked brilliantly," said the trainer, "but she bruised her near-fore foot. She's had a poultice on ever since and it's only 60-40 on her being fit to run."

The Leslie and Godwin Spitfire Handicap had looked to present an almost insoluble problem beforehand. But Lord Huntingdon, the trainer of the 25-1 winner Green Danube, was almost as surprised by the result as was the crowd of 14,624 — an increase of *13.5 per cent on the same* day last year — at the track.

Alan Munro, the big-race jockey at the moment, was again seen at his best when forcing Green Danube home three-and-a-half lengths clear of Run Rings with Talos finishing a neck away third.

"I told Alan to be very patient and to ride her for a place, although he obviously was to try and win if he could. But I only declared her because there's so much flu about and I thought it worth taking the chance," the winning trainer reported.

Owned in partnership by Lord Weinstock and his son Simon, yesterday's winner was having only her second run of the season. "She was injured in the box that was taking her out to Cagnes-sur-*Mer in February*. She had to stay there for a month and then when we got her back she was turned out at Newmarket."

The trainer now plans to find a listed race in Ireland for the filly whose previous win was gained on the all-weather track at Lingfield.

The afternoon had started on a good note for punters when John Reid had driven Sahara Star, to a length-and-a-half length defeat of Another Episode in the Philip Cornes Molecomb Stakes. The winning 2-1 favourite, previously so impressive when scoring at Sandown, showed immense courage and class to beat the experienced and speedy runner-up."

Michael Stoute trained the Green Desert filly for Trevor Sellier from Trinidad. "I won three races for him with No Clouds in my first season training," said the trainer from Freemason Lodge. "*Then I bought Dervaig* from Pat Rohan and sent her out to him in Trinidad. She was eventually sent back to Britain and her first foal was Vaigly Great."

Yesterday's winning filly is a half-brother to Vaigly Great, winner of the Ayr Gold Cup and Diadem Stakes.

Sahara Star is entered in all the principal races for two-year-old fillies, such as the Lowther Stakes, the Moyglare Stud Stakes and the Cheveley Park Stakes.

At the end of another magnificent afternoon's racing, Willie Carson and Steve Cauthen shared the lead in the race for the Ritz Club trophy, awarded to the leading rider at the meeting. Both men had *enjoyed three winners apiece* after Cauthen had driven the 11-8 favourite Mougins to a three-quarters of a length defeat over Lake Dominion in the Citroen Fleet Stakes and Carson had forced Mutabahi past the post half a length in front of the 5-4 on favourite Kayvee in the Chichester City Stakes.

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Owners plan cutbacks

By RICHARD EVANS

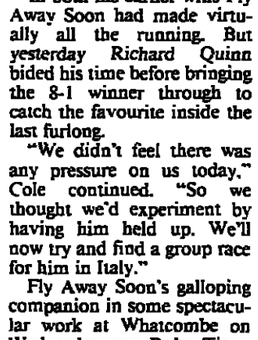
FORTY per cent of owners are *planning to cut back on the* number of horses they have in training over the next year, according to a survey carried out by *Racing World*.

Just over half — 52 per cent — currently have three or more horses in training. Only three per cent of those questioned intend to increase their ownership, 35 per cent plan no change, and 22 *per cent don't know*.

The survey did not go into the reasons for the worrying trend, but it is likely to be a combination of the recession, increased training costs and poor prize-*money*.

The latest edition of *Racing World* also casts some light on the controversial issue of how training bills should be paid. Kim Brassey, who gave up training last year partly because of large bills unpaid by owners, has suggested training fees should be collected centrally by Weatherbys.

Just over half — 53 per cent — of trainers questioned said owners should be compelled to pay training fees under the Rules of Racing.



Huntingdon: fine win with Green Danube

British raiders have tough assignment

From OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT, DEAUVILLE

THE Deauville meeting, which opens today, features a three-strong British raid on the group *two Prix D'Astarte* and the return to action of Cash Asmussen after a his seven-week absence following shoulder injuries sustained at Maisons-Laffitte.

In *a quality one-mile fillies'* race for the D'Astarte, Michael Stoute's Pfalz (Paul Eddery), Geoff Wragg's Trojan Crown (Gary Carter) and Crystal Path (Tony Cruz) face a tough assignment to overhaul the local fillies, headed by Colour Chart (Steve Cauthen) and Massaraat (Thierry Jarnet).

Cash Asmussen is back in action here on Robert Collet's Once In My Life.

Deauville tomorrow features the group two Prix Maurice de Gheest in which John Dunlop's Jimmy Barnie (Willie Carson) has only an outside chance with the likes of Masterclass (Pat Eddery), Exit To Nowhere (Freddie Head) and Pont Aven (Cash Asmussen) in the field.

☐ Lester Piggott renewes his acquaintainship with Jack Berry's Sizzling Saga in the Grosser Tiffany-Sprint-Preis at Munich tomorrow. The Queen's Enharmonic (Willie Ryan) runs in the group three Ostermann-Pokal at Cologne.

Laura Thompson

Puritan-free bliss in the Real World

A fortnight ago, I was at the World Student Games, where the building of eight new sports centres has caused Sheffield to metamorphose into Leisuretown. A week ago, I was at the Federation Cup, where the polite and giggly influx of British tennis followers caused Nottingham to acquire the temporary new suburb of Sitcom Garden City. This week, however, I was at Goodwood races, where men smoke cigars and women love them for it. I was back in the Real World.

Only on festive occasions do I smoke before 6pm. As the rain tippled on to Goodwood racecourse, as I propped up one of the congenial Goodwood bars, as I watched the ritualistic reverence with which those around me were lighting up and inhaling, as I saw the way in which those around them instead of waving the smoke away with irritable Leisuretown gestures, were beckoning it into their faces, I felt that this was a festive occasion. I was surrounded by devil-may-care soul brothers in a puritan-free zone. By the time the first race was under way, I had smoked my way through my daily quota of ten cigarettes.

Leisuretown attracts persons who read, then quote at you, Government Health Warnings; who spend their evenings drinking cardboard cups of Coca-Cola in sports centres; who buy new Nikes in order to win the parents' race at their child's school sports day.

> *'I had imagined Glyndebourne with horses: charming but pretentious'*

Sitcom Garden City attracts persons who love tennis because it is all that is nice about Britain: the Princess of Wales; the Duchess of Kent; *Sue Barker; SW19;* strawberries; grass; Persil.

The Real World attracts the more fallible type of person, the decadent sort who smokes, who drinks, who gambles, and who does it in the afternoon; the sort who has been marginalised by the increasingly unreal behaviour of most British people, much of which appears to have been derived from watching television or reading newspaper opinion polls or feature articles or lists of what is fashionable or healthy; the sort who does things simply because it wants to do them and who therefore knows how to have a good time.

Most sporting events are unrelaxed. Either people are tense with an aggressive desire for victory, or else they are self-conscious and a bit of a show-off. Goodwood is the only entirely relaxed event which I have ever attended, the only one entirely ruled by a doctrine of *laissez faire*.

The "glorious" epithet with which those around me were lighting up and inhaling, as I saw the way in which those around them instead of waving the smoke away with irritable Leisuretown gestures, were beckoning it into their faces, I felt that this was a festive occasion. I was surrounded by devil-may-care soul brothers in a puritan-free zone. By the time the first race was under way, I had smoked my way through my daily quota of ten cigarettes.

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Gussy Marlowe has fine chance

ON ALL known form, Gussy Marlowe, from Clive Brittain's Newmarket stable, has a sound chance of winning the Vodafone Nassau Stakes at Goodwood today, more especially now that she will be racing over ten furlongs again.

It was over today's trip that she won a listed race at Newmarket and a group three race at York in the spring.

In the former she got the better of Brockette, who subsequently finished third in the Italian Oaks, while in the latter she beat Dartrey and Shamshir.

Shamshir, who is one of her rivals again today, later finished second in the Oaks at Epsom before disappointing in the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Gussy Marlowe's only subsequent race, also at Royal Ascot, was anything but a disappointment. Her third to the Irish and English 1,000 Guineas winners, Kooyonga and Shadayid, in the Coronation Stakes was arguably the best performance of her career since the French 1,000 Guineas winner Danseuse Du Soir was a neck behind in fourth place. Also, the race was over only a mile.

Michael Roberts, who has ridden Gussy Marlowe in all her races, has now been claimed by Alec Stewart to partner Filia Ardross, whose only race so far this season has been at Sandown where she finished fourth behind Stagecraft in the Brigadier Gerard Stakes.

Well that Filia Ardross has been going in her work of late,

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

a bigger threat to Gussy Marlowe is posed by the other older horse in the field, the much-travelled filly Ruby Tiger, who has won in Ireland and Germany this season having scored in Italy and Canada last year.

Paul Cole, who has handled Ruby Tiger with such skill, reports her to be in fine heart following that easy victory in the Pretty Polly Stakes at the Curragh. Lilian Bayliss, who finished third in the Nell Gwyn Stakes and North Wind, who was also third in the Cheshire Oaks after winning her maiden at Newbury, complete the field.

Pat Eddery rides Reg Akehurst's Fire Top, who can go one better than last year in the Racal Chesterfield Cup in which he finished second to Song Of Sixpence.

Whereas Song Of Sixpence has rather lost his way this season – he was last behind Ijtihaad at Ascot a week ago – Fire Top has shown that he is as good as ever by finishing second in the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club Trophy at Sandown after winning a similar valuable prize at Epsom on Derby day.

Ijithaad has been re-rated since beating Stop Press by a neck last Saturday and a more likely winner for Dick Hern and Willie Carson this afternoon is **Basma**, who is fancied to make a winning debut in the Vodapage Maiden Stakes.

At Newmarket, the Lynda Ramsden-trained **Combination** could be the answer to the puzzle posed by the Colman's Of Norwich Nursery. Even though this is a handicap, he should find life easier compared with when he took on Dr Devious in his last race on the July course and Dilum at Royal Ascot the time before.

Earlier, he had won over today's trip at Nottingham and Pontefract.

Today's best bet though is held in reserve for the evening meeting at Windsor where Guy Harwood's progressive three-year-old **Duke Of Monmouth** is napped to win the Courage Beer Company Handicap, having sidestepped the big handicap at Goodwood yesterday in order to wait for this easier chance.

GOODWOOD

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.00 Basma.	2.00 Basma.	2.00 Basma.
2.30 Fire Top.	2.30 Ijtihaad.	
3.10 Gussy Marlowe.	3.10 Gussy Marlowe.	
3.45 Kentucky Starlet.	3.45 Kenyatta.	
4.15 Dizzy.	4.15 Dizzy.	
4.45 Dawson Place.	4.45 Dawson Place.	
5.20 Grey Power.	5.20 Raise A Star.	

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 CAMDEN'S RANSOM.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 VODAPAGE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,848: 6f) (7 runners) BBC1

101	(2)		ANDES (T Mountain) W Wightman 9-0	J Williams —
102	(3)		BEAM ME UP SCOTTY (Mrs R Triefus) P Mitchell 9-0	T Quinn —
103	(4)		IN THE PICTURE (Mrs D Attwood) R Hannon 9-0	Pat Eddery —
104	(5)		NASHOON (R Johnson Houghton) R Johnson Houghton 9-0	J Reid —
105	(7)		BASMA (H Al-Maktoum) W Ham 8-9	W Carson —
106	(6)		BATTLING BELLA (K Higson) Denys Smith 8-9	B Rouse —
107	(1)		SHAPING UP (Mrs S Page) I Balding 8-9	R Cochrane —

BETTING: 9-4 Basma, 11-4 In The Picture, 9-2 Shaping Up, 8-1 Nashoon, Beam Me Up Scotty, 10-1 Andes, 12-1 Battling Bella.

1990: MAJLOOD 9-0 W R Swinburn (5-6 fav) M Stoute 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANDES (foaled Mar 3), half-brother by Heights Of Gold to 8f-71 winner Segovian
IN THE PICTURE (May 7, cost 32,000gns), half-brother by Tale Gallery to useful stayer Crusader Castle. Dam is a half-sister to a Mill Reef 7f winner NASHOON (Apr 28, 4,000gns), half-brother by Nashamaa to Panama Jack, winner of 4 races from 1m 4f-2m. BASMA (Feb 24, $375,000), sister to Dawn Quixote, graded stakes winner in the United States.
BATTLING BELLA (Feb 24), by Fighting Fit out of a juvenile 5f winner. SHAPING UP (Jan 18, 50,000gns) half-sister by Storm Bird to a winner in the United States.
No Selection

2.30 RACAL CHESTERFIELD CUP HANDICAP (£25,570: 1m 2f) (10 runners) BBC1

201	(6)	585150	SONG OF SIXPENCE 7 (CD,F,G,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 7-8-10	J Reid	94
202	(9)	20-0012	FIRE TOP 29 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Valentine) R Akehurst 6-8-9	Pat Eddery	94
203	(8)	023204	LORD OF TUSMORE 28 (D,F) (W Sted) B Hills 4-8-6	D Holland	94
204	(1)	501-001	UTHAAD 7 (D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) W Ham 4-8-5	W Carson	92
205	(4)	211221	BUSTED ROCK 30 (CD,F,G) (H Furuoka) Mrs L Piggott 6-8-1	L Piggott	95
206	(2)	4-58014	TRY TRUST 7 (D,F) (T Tsurumaki) C Brittain 5-8-11	M Roberts	89
207	(10)	14/00-05	VARNISH 15 (G) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-0	Dale Gibson	90
208	(7)	008050	USA DOLLAR 7 (C,F) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 4-8-0	N Carlisle	89
209	(5)	003022	CELESTIAL GUEST 10 (F) (Mrs S Purcell) R Guest 4-7-11	R Price (5)	98
210	(3)	104340	CAMDEN'S RANSOM 21 (D,F) (Dr C Ellis) M Fetherston-Godley 4-7-11	N Adams	98

BETTING: 4-1 Fire Top, Lord Of Tusmore, 9-2 Busted Rock, Ijithaad, 10-1 Camden's Ransom, Varnish, 12-1 Song Of Sixpence, Try Trust, 16-1 Celestial Guest, 20-1 Lisa Dollar.

1990: SONG OF SIXPENCE 8-9-5 S Cauthen (9-2) I Balding 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

SONG OF SIXPENCE beat Urray On Harry ½l at Doncaster (1m 2f 50yd, good) in June.
FIRE TOP 1½l 2nd to You Know The Rules at Sandown (1m 2f, good), with CAMDEN'S RANSOM (11lb better off) 3½l 4th and IJTHAAD 17th of 21. IJTHAAD beat Stop Press by a neck at Ascot (1m 2f, good), with TRY TRUST (7lb better off) 4l 4th and SONG OF SIXPENCE a below-par last of 11. BUSTED ROCK beat Barford Lad 1½l at Yarmouth (1m 2f 21yd, good).
VARNISH 7½l 5th to Pentridge at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). CELESTIAL GUEST 2½l 2nd to Al Aabe at Yarmouth (1m 2f 21yd, good).
Selection: CAMDEN'S RANSOM

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Mrs L Piggott	7	25	28.0	D Holland	5	17	29.4
A Hide	3	12	25.0	Pat Eddery	62	277	22.4
L Cumani	22	95	23.2	L Dettori	16	81	19.8
A Stewart	7	33	21.2	W Carson	43	260	16.5
M Stoute	17	81	21.0	J Reid	25	159	15.7
G Harwood	27	142	19.0	R Cochrane	29	196	14.8

(Not including yesterday's results)

3.10 VODAFONE NASSAU STAKES (Group II: fillies: £50,335: 1m 2f) (6 runners) BBC1

301	(2)	11-8511	RUBY TIGER 35 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Blacker) P Cole 4-9-4	T Quinn	94
302	(3)	25235-4	FILIA ARDROSS 67 (G,S) (Dr K Rohde) A Stewart 5-8-1	M Roberts	91
303	(1)	3113	GUSSY MARLOWE 45 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Van Geest) C Brittain 3-8-6	R Cochrane	99
304	(6)	21-9	LILIAN BAYLISS 109 (S) (R Sangster) M Stoute 3-8-6	Pat Eddery	82
305	(5)	03-13	NORTH WIND 87 (G) (Princess Michael of Kent) B Hills 3-8-6	W Carson	74
306	(4)	121-320	SHAMSHIR 44 (BF,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-9-5	L Dettori	98

BETTING: 5-2 Shamshir, 11-4 Ruby Tiger, 7-2 Gussy Marlowe, 13-2 Filia Ardross, 7-1 Lilian Bayliss, 10-1 North Wind

1990: KARTAJANA 3-8-6 W R Swinburn (11-2) M Stoute 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

RUBY TIGER beat High Pressure 3l in group III Pretty Polly Stakes at the Curragh (1m 2f, yielding). FILIA ARDROSS 8l 4th to Stagecraft in group II Brigadier Gerard Stakes at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm). GUSSY MARLOWE 2¼l 3rd to Kooyonga in group I Coronation Stakes at Ascot (1m, good). Previously, beat Dartrey a head in group II Musidora Stakes at York (1m 2f 110yd, good to firm), with SHAMSHIR (3lb better off) 1l 3rd.
LILIAN BAYLISS 1¾l 3rd to Crystal Gazing in group II Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). Bred to be suited by this trip.
NORTH WIND 1¾l 3rd to Peplum in listed Cheshire Oaks at Chester (1m 3f 70yd, good). SHAMSHIR, below par last time out, and is better judged on when 10l 2nd to Jet Ski Lady in group I Gold Seal Oaks at Epsom (1m 4f 10yd, good).
Selection: GUSSY MARLOWE (nap)

3.45 VODATA NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £6,264: 7f) (9 runners)

401	(8)	10	ROYAL SEATON 44 (G) (Axminster Carpets Ltd) B Millman 9-7	J Williams	88
402	(8)	4642	KENYATTA 21 (K Higson) Denys Smith 8-10	B Rouse	82
403	(4)	01	NIL NISI NOU 16 (S) (R Aird) J Berry 8-8	Pat Eddery	82
404	(7)	435112	WALK IN THE PARK 2 (G) (M Lewis) R Simpson 8-8	S Whitworth	97
405	(1)	440122	JUBAL EARLY 7 (B,D) (Winning Post Racing Ltd) C Allen 8-4	T Quinn	99
406	(2)	6232	WELL APPOINTED 7 (BF) (T Connors) R Stubbs 8-1	D Holland	95
407	(3)	0202	KENTUCKY STARLET 21 (W Hawkings) R Hannon 8-0	W Carson	93
408	(9)	0040	PETER WHIMSEY 28 (V) (P Newell) M McCormack 7-8	G Bardwell	92
409	(5)	5035	IN THE GAME 14 (A Solmonou) Miss A Whitfield 7-7	N Adams	92

Long handicap: In The Game 7-3.
BETTING: 4-1 Walk In The Park, 5-1 Nil Nisi Nou, Royal Seaton, 13-2 Kentucky Starlet, 7-1 Kenyatta, 8-1 others.

1990: PAY HOMAGE 9-4 S Cauthen (15-2) I Balding 10 ran

4.15 TURF CLUB CLAIMING STAKES (£6,368: 1m) (11 runners)

501	(2)	5125	KEMPINSKI 28 (D,BF,F) (Lord Weinstock) L Cumani 3-8-12	L Dettori	87
502	(8)	40-0015	LORD OBERON 50 (D,G) (Cronk Racing Ltd) B Hanbury 3-8-11	L Piggott	78
503	(3)		ONE DOLLAR MORE (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 3-8-11	N Carlisle	—
504	(6)	0030-00	HEROES SASH 30 (G) (N Jones) A Moore 5-8-9	B Rouse	99
505	(4)	03-2321	DIZZY 11 (F) (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 3-8-7	Pat Eddery	87
506	(10)	356324-	ILDERTON ROAD 277 (Mrs B Waring) Mrs B Waring 4-8-6	N Howe	82
507	(7)	402544	MARINE DIVER 11 (D,G) (C Shiacolas) P Cole 5-8-5	T Quinn	91
508	(11)	082205	SERGEANT MERYLL 24 (CD,G,S) (Mrs J Irving) P Howling 7-8-5	N Adams	82
509	(1)	10-6400	GONE SAVAGE 21 (F) (Mrs C Heath) P Cole 3-8-4	D Holland	96
510	(5)	23-0125	MISS SHARPO 23 (F) (P Winfield) R Hannon 3-8-3	W Carson	90
511	(9)	2231-23	YANKEE FLYER 14 (BF) (K Fischer) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-2	M Roberts	85

BETTING: 5-2 Dizzy, 11-2 Marine Diver, 7-1 Heroes Sash, Miss Sharpo, 8-1 Kempinski, Gone Savage, 14-1 others.

1990: RESTORE 7-8-6 Pat Eddery (15-8 fav) G Lewis 8 ran

4.45 SURPLICE GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £6,024: 1) (3 runners)

601	(1)	50-4132	FLASHFOOT 14 (C,F) (J Smith) I Balding 9-6	Pat Eddery	98
602	(3)	233-020	STONE MILL 59 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-4	D Holland	92
603	(2)	3212	DAWSON PLACE 15 (BF,F) (N De Savary) G Harwood 9-3	R Cochrane	99

BETTING: Evens Dawson Place, 15-8 Flashfoot, 3-1 Stone Mill.

1990: THAKIB 9-8 W Carson (9-4 jt-fav) J Gosden 6 ran

5.20 TRUNDLE HANDICAP (£6,160: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

1	(5)	520233-	GULF PALACE 238J (D,F,S) (G Burrell) R Akehurst 6-10-0	Ron Hills (3)	88
2	(7)	3403-12	VINTAGE 12 (D,BF,F,S) (W Hern) W Ham 6-9-12	W Carson	95
3	(9)	521	GENERAL SIKORSKI 19 (F) (R Kelly) P Makin 3-9-8	Pat Eddery	87
4	(2)	20633-2	GREY POWER 28 (J Smith) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-2	L Dettori	98
5	(3)	00-0001	FLOWN 12 (B,F,G) (E Winfield) R Hannon 4-8-9	J Reid	96
6	(8)	3-60163	SPRINGS WELCOME 14 (D,F,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 5-8-13	T McLaughlin (7)	93
7	(6)	20/8516	BELMOREDEAN 19 (CD,G) (J Hennett) R O'Sullivan 6-8-13	D Biggs (5)	94
8	(4)	0-01001	SCENIC DANCER 28 (D,F,G) (A Heiassa) A Hide 3-8-7	J Williams	93
9	(12)	031242	BIGHAYIR 8 (F,G) (Mrs N Duffield) B Millman 4-8-6	R Price (5)	97
10	(10)	24-304	MARA ASKARI 14 (Mrs B Trafford) G Harwood 3-8-4	R Cochrane	94
11	(1)	10-2040	SINCLAIR BOY 47 (D,BF,F,S) (K Knox) B Hills 5-8-3	D Holland	99
12	(11)	4230/61	RAISE A STAR 11 (D,F) (R Styles) R Akehurst 6-7-7	N Adams	85

Long handicap: Raise A Star 7-5.
BETTING: 5-1 Grey Power, 6-1 General Sikorski, Raise A Star, Scenic Dancer, 7-1 Vintage, 8-1 Flown, 10-1 others.

1990: JAMIN 3-8-1 G Carter (7-2) G Wragg 8 ran

NEWMARKET

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.15 Vertex.	2.15 Vertex.	4.20 WILD STRAWBERRY (nap).
2.45 Unanimous.	2.45 Unanimous.	
3.20 Silent Respect.	3.20 Sunday's Hill.	
3.50 Paris Of Troy.	3.50 Axe.	
4.20 Combination.	4.20 Wild Strawberry.	
4.50 Jewellery Quarter.	4.50 Jewellery Quarter.	
5.25 Linpac Light.	5.25 TIGER SHOOT (nap).	

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J jumps. F flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race.) Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.15 NEWMARKET STAKES (Amateurs: £3,752: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

1	(2)	510-135	KAUSAR 21 (G) (W Boothroyd) G Moore 4-12-0	Celia Radband (5)	78
2	(6)	335502	KAHER 9 (D,F) (F Kelly) N Callaghan 4-11-13	D Marnane	98
3	(7)	112634	COLLINS AVENUE 14 (S) (R Bonnycastle) B Hills 3-11-5	Eve Johnson	97
4	(10)	0/0-00	NORTHERN LION 58 (D,F) (R Halling) R Thompson 8-11-4	Helen Carrington (5)	—
5	(9)	30	OPENING RUN 9 (Corinthian Thoroughbreds Plc) D Wilson 4-11-2	Elaine Bronson	—
6	(3)	601	SNICKERSNEE 31 (G) (C Wacker III) H Cecil 3-10-11	Sharron Murgatroyd	84
7	(5)	0-312	VERTEX 14 (D,G) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 3-10-10	Maxine Juster	99
8	(8)	0050	METAL OSEAU 33 (F Ivory) K Ivory 3-10-5	D Marshall (5)	—
9	(4)	033534	FOXTROT PIE 16 (E Veasey) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-10-0	P Pritchard Gordon (5)	78
10	(1)	42-3	HIGH SAVANNAH 24 (Mrs M Taylor) M Jarvis 3-10-0	Gay Jarvis	90

BETTING: 9-4 Snickersnee, 5-2 Collins Avenue, 9-2 Kaher, 8-1 Vertex, 15-2 High Savannah, 12-1 others.

1990: TOUR EIFFEL 3-10-11 M Armytage (4-7 fav) H Cecil 10 ran

2.45 HINTLESHAM HALL CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,142: 7f) (11 runners)

1	(2)	43-0106	UNANIMOUS 10 (D,F,G) (F Kelly) N Callaghan 9-3	A Munro	91
2	(3)	205-320	ROSIETOES 12 (BF) (F Reeder) P Makin 8-10	B Raymond	91
3	(11)	3-005	CLOVERMILL 22 (B) (J White) H Candy 8-6	C Rutter	82
4	(8)	430202	MARTINA 30 (BF) (M Yarrow) J Wharton 8-6	R Perham (5)	86
5	(7)	06-0054	STRAIGHT NO CHASER 18 (B) (R Fuller) R Boss 8-5	J Carroll	79
6	(4)	0	TUMBELLINA 42 (Mrs S Weiss) A Bailey 8-4	A Tucker (5)	—
7	(6)	415-000	CASPIAN GREY 23 (C,G) (Mrs A Speyer) D Wilson 7-13	S O'Gorman (3)	99
8	(9)	064054	SIR TASKER 11 (C Conway) J Harris 7-13	S Crossley	78
9	(5)	566800-	CLASSICS PEARL 297 (Miss L Comer) N Twiston-Davies 7-12	L Newton (5)	77
10	(10)	2308	GREEN'S BONHEUR 50 (B) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) P Cole 7-8	B Doyle (5)	84
11	(1)	1100-0	MAY REEF 18 (F) (Inwoshire Ltd) A Lee 7-8	J Quinn	98

BETTING: 3-1 Unanimous, 9-2 Rosietoes, 5-1 Green's Bonheur, 13-2 Clovermill, 10-1 Martina, May Reef, 12-1 Straight No Chaser, 20-1 others

1990: BLUE ROOM 7-13 R Hills (4-1 fav) (R Akehurst) 20 ran

3.20 EBF PEGASUS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,542: 6f) (10 runners) C4

1	(3)		BLAKE END (Tamdown Ltd) W O'Gorman 9-0	T Ives	—
2	(9)	65	CHUMMY'S DILEMMA 3 (C Gavenda) N Callaghan 9-0	—	—
3	(8)		DOURAJ (M Obaida) C Brittain 9-0	G Cresslock	—
4	(6)		PEERAGE PRINCE (D Hobbs) Pat Mitchell 9-0	S O'Gorman (3)	—
5	(4)	43	SILENT RESPECT 17 (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 9-0	B Raymond	98
6	(2)	02	SUNDAY'S HILL 15 (S Hinton) M Blanshard 9-0	W Newnes	99
7	(1)		TATE DANCER (Mrs J Deveil) R Armstrong 9-0	B Crossley	—
8	(7)		WADERS DREAM (J Adams) J Banks 9-0	G Duffield	—
9	(10)		DAZZLING MAID (M Parrish) M H Easterby 8-9	J Carroll	—
10	(5)		MISS OASIS (Mrs B Skinner) P Makin 8-9	A Munro	—

BETTING: 9-4 Sunday's Hill, 3-1 Silent Respect, 5-1 Blake End, Miss Oasis, 8-1 Douraj, 12-1 Dazzling Maid, 14-1 Tate Dancer, 20-1 others

1990: MYSTIKO 9-0 M Roberts (7-4) C Brittain 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLAKE END (foaled Apr 24, cost $57,000) half-brother by Vaad Appeal to winners in the United States. Silent RESPECT 9½l 3rd to Sahara Star at Sandown (5f 9yd, good)
SUNDAY'S HILL nk 2nd to Night Manoeuvres at Newbury (6f 8yd, good). TATE DANCER (Apr 3) by Tate Gallery, is first foal of French placed dam. MISS OASIS (Mar 5) half-sister by Green Desert to top class sprinter Sizzling Melody.
Selection: SUNDAY'S HILL

3.50 PEOPLE-SPORTING LIFE CHAMPIONSHIP 3-Y-O HANDICAP (£5,952: 1m) (8 runners) C4

1	(8)	140-820	TOO CONSPICUOUS 43 (F) (F Kelle) N Callaghan 9-7	M Hills	88
2	(4)	014	AXE 70 (F) (BF) (Lord White of Hull) H Cecil 9-2	W Ryan	95
3	(7)	01-0411	RISE UP SINGING 23 (B,CD,G,S) (G Gledell) R Hannon 8-13	R Perham (5)	94
4	(2)	8-052	CRU EXCEPTIONNEL 36 (BF) (B Simpson) P Makin 8-6	B Raymond	89
5	(1)	16-0450	VENUS OBSERVED 24 (F) (Mrs C Gross) H Candy 8-5	Antoinette Armes (7)	91
6	(3)	0-21	SOHRAB 14 (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-2	G Duffield	94
7	(6)	1-45044	PARIS OF TROY 38 (D,BF,S) (M Christofi) M Jarvis 7-13	A Munro	99
8	(5)	4-33001	SAAFEND 17 (D,F) (J R Leisure Ltd) J Sutcliffe 7-8	A Mackay	97

BETTING: 11-4 Axe, 3-1 Rise Up Singing, 5-1 Sohrab, 6-1 Saafend, 8-1 Cru Exceptionnel, 10-1 others.

1990: CROUPIER 8-5 M Roberts (12-1) C Brittain 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

TOO CONSPICUOUS 2½l 2nd to Savoyard on penultimate start at Leicester (7f, good). AXE 6½l 4th to Super Staff at Doncaster (1m 2f 50yd, good to firm). RISE UP SINGING completed course and distance double (good) with ½l defeat of Andrassy. CRU EXCEPTIONNEL 6l 2nd to You Know The Rules at Goodwood (1m 1f, soft). SOHRAB easily beat Mac's Princess 3½l in Southwell maiden (AW, 7f). SAAFEND beat Able Susan 1½l at Yarmouth (1m 3yd, firm).
Selection: SOHRAB

4.20 COLMAN'S OF NORWICH NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £19,250: 6f) (12 runners) C4

1	(7)	13	KHALLOOF 11 (G) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 9-7	B Raymond	86
2	(10)	01105	COMBINATION 23 (D,F,G) (D Thompson) Mrs J Ramsden 9-7	Dean McKeown	93
3	(4)	611	SWING LOW 16 (D,G,S) (D Gallop) R Hannon 9-5	R Perham (5)	92
4	(6)	504	MINSTREL'S AGE 23 (L Gaucci) C Brittain 9-3	A Munro	80
5	(5)	535423	SONGSTER 14 (Mrs M Wentzmark & Partners) John FitzGerald 9-2	R Hills	85
6	(2)	021	FRAGONARD 21 (S) (P Philipps) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	G Duffield	83
7	(12)	616311	FYLDE FLYER 7 (D,F,G,S) (Blackpool Gazette & Herald Ltd) J Berry 8-13	J Carroll	96
8	(9)	0813	BEST FINISH 19 (BF) (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 8-12	T Ives	92
9	(3)	211	CINDORA 8 (F) (Lady Nelson of Stafford) M Tompkins 8-10	M Hills	97
10	(11)	8461	WILD STRAWBERRY 21 (D,G) (Park Lane Racing) J Eustace 8-10	M Tebbutt	93
11	(8)	0211-12	ALIVE AND KICKING 6 (D,F,S) (Under Orders Racing II) S Dow 8-8	W Ryan	95
12	(1)	010	CUT THE LINE 21 (D,BF,G) (C Weller) M Bell 7-7	J Quinn	99

Long handicap: Cut The Line 7-8
BETTING: 4-1 Wild Strawberry, 9-2 Combination, 6-1 Swing Low, 7-1 Fylde Flyer, 10-1 Khalloof, 12-1 others.

1990: PENNY MINT 7-13 R Hills (7-1) J Eustace 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

KHALLOOF 3l 3rd to Good Reference at Redcar (7f, firm). SWING LOW beat Call The Bureau 1l at Chepstow (6f 16yd, good to soft). MINSTREL'S AGE 14¾l 4th to Dr Devious in listed race here (7f, good) with COMBINATION (4lb worse off) hd 5th.
FLYDE FLYER followed up 2l defeat of Sport of Fools in Hamilton claimer (5f 5yd, soft) with 2¾l defeat of Jubal Early in nursery over same course and distance (good) BEST FINISH 1½l 3rd to Venturina at Beverley (7f 100yd, firm). CINDORA completed double with 1½l defeat of Photo Realism at Pontefract (5f, good to firm). WILD STRAWBERRY beat Mainly Me 1½l at York (6f, good).
Selection: FLYDE FLYER

4.50 EXETER STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,271: 7f) (3 runners) C4

1	(2)	213103	SPANISH STORM 14 (G) (V Sujanani) A Hide 8-8	W Ryan	93
2	(1)	641332	JEWELLERY QUARTER 11 (F) (Mrs F Allen) W Jarvis 9-1	M Tebbutt	99
3	(3)	642	PERSONAL HAZARD 42 (BF) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 8-11	B Raymond	93

BETTING: 10-11 Jewellery Quarter, 6-4 Spanish Storm, 9-2 Personal Hazard.

1990: PLAN OF ACTION 9-2 Paul Eddery (6-1) G Lewis 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

SPANISH STORM 3l 3rd to Artic Tracker at Newbury (7f, good to firm). JEWELLERY QUARTER ½l 2nd to Good Reference at Redcar (7f, firm).
PERSONAL HAZARD 8l 2nd to Co-Chin at Ayr (7f, good); earlier 4th beaten 3l at Haydock (6f, good).
Selection: JEWELLERY QUARTER

5.25 CARDINAL HANDICAP (£4,737: 1m 2f) (11 runners)

1	(3)	0-38046	MAGIC EXPRESS 49 (BF,F) (E Fustok) M Moubarak 4-9-10	F Norton (5)	95
2	(5)	161-661	AL ANBA 10 (CD,F,G) (Mrs A Al Homaizi) J Czerpak 4-9-9	M Hills	98
3	(10)	2-16	MEMORIVE 58 (F) (R Smith) G Harwood 3-9-5	A Clark	89
4	(2)	41410	PRIME PROSPECT 29 (CD,F,S) (Mrs P Yong) M Jarvis 3-8-5	A Munro	96
5	(8)	40-4136	MILNE'S WAY 57 (F) (M Jameson) G Lewis 4-8-11	Paul Eddery	95
6	(9)	253113	VAGUE DANCER 19 (D,F,G,S) (K Wheldon) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-11	Dean McKeown	95
7	(6)	304-422	LINPAC LIGHT 15 (Linpac Group Ltd) C W C Elsey 4-8-8	J Carroll	96
8	(11)	1-12420	TIGER SHOOT 7 (D,G) (C Lines) P Felden 4-8-7	B Raymond	95
9	(7)	0-20002	CHATHAM ISLAND 24 (Exors of G Hughes) C Brittain 3-8-3	G Cresslock	92
10	(1)	003-113	WILL HE OR WONT HE 162 (M Tipper) C Allen 3-8-0	A Iacovou	85
11	(4)	0-20005	ROSES HAVE THORNS 10 (F) (J Peters) D Morris 4-7-10	S O'Gorman (3)	99

BETTING: 7-2 Vague Dancer, Memorive, 5-1 Al Anba, 6-1 Prime Prospect, Tiger Shoot, 8-1 others.

1990: ALJARIH 4-9-10 R Hills (5-1) H Thomson Jones 8 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	72	324	22.2	M Hills	36	272	12.9
Mrs J Ramsden	5	27	18.5	G Duffield	17	155	11.0
J Wharton	5	28	15.8	B Raymond	43	397	10.8
G Lewis	9	66	13.6	A Munro	11	109	10.1
P Cole	10	80	12.5				
R Hills	38	315	12.1				

(Not including last night's results)

NEWTON ABBOT

MANDARIN
2.15 Karakter Reference. 2.45 Acrow Lord. 3.15 Stage Player. 3.45 Pollock. 4.15 The Blue Boy. 4.45 Bustamente.

THUNDERER
2.15 Karakter Reference. 2.45 Ruling Dynasty. 3.15 Ashfield Boy. 3.45 Pollock. 4.15 The Blue Boy. 4.45 Bustamente.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.15 DIMPLEX TANGO HANDICAP CHASE (£2,874: 2m 5f) (3 runners)

1	631-	KARAKTER REFERENCE 130 (F,G) R O'Sullivan 9-12-0	B Powell	
2	114-	KARNATAK 88 (C,BF,F) Mrs P Joynes 10-10-3	D Bridgwater (5)	
3	P44-	HETTINGER 88 (F,G,S) J Fitch-Heyes 11-10-0	E Byrne	

8-15 Karakter Reference, 11-4 Karnatak, 4-1 Hettinger

2.45 DIMPLEX SALISBURY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,696: 2m 150yd) (12)

1	350-	RULING DYNASTY 46F (B,CD,F,S) M Usher 7-12-5	M Bowlby	
2	/32-	WINDSOR PARK 120F R O'Sullivan 5-11-8	B Powell	
3	522-	OASIS 68 (CD,F) R Hodges 5-11-7	A Tory	
4	039-	FORCELLO 85 (D,G,S) J Thomas 8-11-6	D Tegg	
5	2P5-	EMERALD MOON 92 W G Turner 4-11-0	S Earle	
6	563-	ACRO

Rare Gatting failure a feather in Shrine's cap

A fourth-innings chase in store as runs prove elusive

By JOHN WOODCOCK

LORD'S (first day of three; Hampshire won the toss): Hampshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 205 runs behind Middlesex.

RUNS were not quite as plentiful as might have been expected at Lord's yesterday. It was a gorgeous day and the boundary on the Tavern side was not much longer than a small bowling green. But Hampshire put Middlesex in and bowled them out for 259, before making 54 for one in the 25 overs for which they batted themselves.

I doubt whether it was in the expectation of finding something to bowl on that Hampshire chose to field. It was the option which will leave them to chase a fourth-innings target on Monday, rather than defend one, and that is probably what it will come to.

The pitch, even so, has the look of one that would allow a natural result between two top-class, well-balanced bowling sides. Yesterday evening Emburey, left out partly because of the one very short boundary, may have watched a little wistfully as he saw Tufnell turning the odd ball.

The match had a lively start. In the third over Pooley and Gatting were both bowled by Shrine, Pooley behind his legs and Gatting pushing forward without due care and attention. Even when three of your last seven innings have been undefeated hundreds, as Gatting's had, it is as well to watch the first over or two on to the bat. Removing Gatting second ball was a feather in Shrine's cap; not that a cap was ever built which could have encased Shrine's head of hair.

Two hours passed before the next wicket fell, by when Roseberry and Ramprakash had added 97. It is hard not to think that the game which suits Roseberry best is to put bat to ball. In a side as short of runs as Middlesex have been he has forsaken it, not without success, for something less ambitious. But he had made his share, mostly on the leg side, when given caught out off bat and pad at short leg.

When, at times, Ramprakash batted without his helmet, he looked engagingly and encouragingly like Denis Compton, partly because the bat seems so much a part of him. The best of his innings came, in fact, early on, with the ball disappearing off his legs at great speed. His 79 was the best he has done for Middlesex since he started to play for England and his second best for them in 17 innings this season. It would have been more but for a startling left-handed catch at mid-on by Gower.

Desmond Haynes's influence on the Middlesex side is seen, for better or worse, in the open stance which he himself favours and has been adopted by Roseberry, Ramprakash and, although there was barely time to see, Gatting. No one may have felt Haynes's absence more than Brown, whose worthy half-century yesterday was only his fourth of the season. He was out to another good Hampshire catch, by James in the covers, as were Taylor and Tufnell, both by Maru at slip, where there are not many better catchers in the country.

GERRY CROWTHER



One ball will do: Robinson, the Yorkshire batsman, falls for 58 in the Roses match at Old Trafford to a ball from a highly-delighted Martin

Hooper takes control as game drifts away

By RICHARD STREETON

BRISTOL (final day of three): Gloucestershire drew with the West Indians.

VICTORY for either side was always a remote possibility on a lifeless pitch yesterday, and the West Indians could hardly be blamed for not throwing down any gauntlets. They prolonged their second innings until lunchtime, Gloucestershire were left a nominal target of 359 and the game drifted to its close in somnolent fashion.

Initially, the cricket was not completely devoid of incident. Hooper won his third Tetley Bitter man-of-the-match award this season, as he raised his tour average to 101.08 with his fourth hundred this summer and dominated an attractive West Indian batting display. He also finished the match with six wickets.

Then Russell, the wicketkeeper, was given the last over before lunch to bowl and had Richardson stumped with his fifth ball. The players left the field and not everyone knew whether or not the touring team had declared during the interval.

Gloucestershire knew, and the umpires said that they were aware that the touring team had, but neither the groundsmen nor the scorers were told. When the players emerged after lunch, the umpires, seeing that the scoreboard had not been cleared, first checked with Haynes that he had definitely closed the innings, and then asked Wright whether he wanted the pitch rolled. To save time Wright decided against having this done and his selflessness was rewarded as, leading by example, he ensured that Gloucestershire blocked out the match.

Wright and Scott were briefly tested by the new ball before the pressure on them was eased. Ironically, Scott was soon caught at backward point when Hooper bowled. Even when the county effectively had only four wickets left, though, the touring team still agreed to the game being given up with ten overs still to come.

Wright batted soundly through 50 overs before he was caught behind as he tried to sweep Hooper. Wright was one of three wickets to fall in five overs. By then, Athey had also retired hurt after being struck on the elbow, and Hodgson's earlier arm problem was expected to prevent him from batting.

Simmons and Richardson, as well as Hooper, played some brilliant strokes as the West Indians added 152 in the morning. Simmons hit a six and 11 fours before he was leg-before trying to turn a ball through mid-wicket. Hooper finished with three sixes and nine fours and batted for just under three hours.

Russell, of course, has seldom bowled since he started county cricket in 1981, and had previously bowled only 16 balls for Gloucestershire. His dismissal of Richardson brought him his first first-class wicket, delighted the crowd and cost him a lot of champagne.

Richardson missed the ball as he moved forward and made room to cover drive what looked like an attempted leg-break, though the bowler's description was "right-arm something". Russell raced down the pitch and leapt into the arms of Alleyne, who had taken over as wicketkeeper.

Kellett impresses on Old Trafford debut

By PETER BALL

OLD TRAFFORD (First day of three; Lancashire won toss): Lancashire, with eight first innings wickets in hand, are 285 runs behind Yorkshire

IN THIS season of fixture confusion, the Roses match at least returned to its historic early-August place in the calendar. But what traditionalists among a 5,000 crowd made of the first meeting beginning on a Friday is questionable, and it is certain that they would not have recognised some loose cricket as belonging to the great, if dour, tradition of these matches.

The exception was a fine innings by Simon Kellett, who followed his maiden century against Sri Lanka with a superb 81, his best championship score on his first visit to Old Trafford.

Kellett is a batsman in the classic tradition, his perfect timing sent the ball racing across the outfield with a minimum of effort as he hit 15 boundaries from 134 deliveries to wrest the advantage away from Lancashire.

Robinson and Pickles also batted well for their fifties, but they were helped by some sloppy bowling as Lancashire lost their grip and for a time their sense of purpose.

For once, even Wasim Akram was not immune from criticism, despite claiming his seventh five-wicket haul of the season, spraying the ball around with uncharacteristic inaccuracy. He again had trouble with his run-up, conceding 26 no balls, which did nothing for Lancashire's dire over-rate.

Yet even Parkin or Tyldesley, Statham or McDonald could hardly have bettered Wasim's start as he removed Moxon with the first ball of the day and Byas in the same over. Blakey soon succumbed to DeFreitas to leave Yorkshire reeling at 16 for three.

The wickets, however, owed more to poor strokes — Moxon gloving a leg-side loosener to Hegg, and Byas and Blakey squirting widish deliveries to slip — than to any danger in the pitch or, it soon proved, in the bowling. Martin too often fed Kellett's eager hook, and Watkinson too often failed to find line or length.

Lancashire were to have only one more wicket before lunch, Wasim picking up a brilliant one-handed catch at gully off an authentic cut to remove Metcalfe and end a stand of 77 in 22 overs.

It was an unseemly rate of striking before lunch on the first day of a Roses match, but one which testified to the slovenliness of the Lancashire bowling.

Robinson, Kellett and Pickles ensured that they paid for it. Robinson reached a splendidly combative half-century off 126 balls before being bowled off an inside edge and pad. Kellett and Pickles picked up the threads with a 100 partnership in 26 overs before the introduction of spin introduced a modicum of doubt.

Kellett fell sweeping, and although Lancashire did not fully recover the initiative, the sight of the ball turning for both Watkinson, and Yates, might make Yorkshire regret the decision to omit Batty.

Umpires in screen test

JOHN Holder and Mervyn Kitchen, the umpires, will be under an intense spotlight when the final Test begins at the Oval on Thursday. For the first time on an English ground, spectators will be able to watch replays of controversial incidents on a giant screen.

Although freeze-frame replays and live coverage have been forbidden, spectators will see every close call again. Surrey hope to retain the 8.5 by 5.6-metre big screen for their NatWest Trophy semi-final against Northamptonshire on August 14.

Gower's pledged commitment deserves reward

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE positive words of David Gower this week should not be dismissed as opportunist remarks. Gower has taken some important decisions in recent days, decisions which might reasonably hasten his return to the England side this weekend for the final Test against West Indies.

Since his summary removal from the squad in the wake of last winter's Australian tour, a decision which was apparently predictable to all except Gower himself, the future of one of the great entertainers of modern cricket has been clouded. It has often looked probable that this would be his final season in the game; it was once debatable, not least within his county dressing-room; if he would even see this one through.

Certain factors have combined, however, to convince Gower that he would be cheating himself, let alone anyone else, by retiring prematurely. He is now fully intent on seeing out his Hampshire contract, which has another year to run, and the suggestion that England might be able to employ him on a one-match basis has him bridling indignantly.

"I am not thinking of just one more Test match," he says. "I feel I have something to contribute on a longer-term basis than that. I am not going to give up this game just yet, despite all the disappointments earlier this summer, and I am batting as well as I have done for some while."

Gower may not be the type to carry a chip on his shoulder but there is still bewilderment in his voice whenever he is taxed on his banishment by England at a time when he had made three centuries in six Tests.

Quietly and undemonstratively, however, he has been taking steps, firstly to convince himself and then to convince everyone else, that he still has sufficient commitment and motivation. He has perhaps had more nets this summer, most of them lengthy and at an unusually early hour, than in all his previous seasons. He has consulted coaches, among them Warwickshire's Bob Woolmer. He has listened to anyone willing to offer advice and, against many expectations, he has emerged in a more positive frame of mind.

Whether this has been evident to the three men who sat down yesterday evening to frame the England team for the decisive Test at the Oval starting on Thursday, will not be clear until their party is announced tomorrow. It is true, however, that Gower is far removed from the inner circle these days and that he has had precious little contact with Messrs Gooch, Stewart and Dexter all summer.

It makes sense to pick Gower for the Oval, probably as a straight swap for the demoralised Graeme Hick. Whether the recall becomes more permanent would then be up to the man himself.

Another area to concern the selectors was Gooch's opening partner, presumably Atherton or Morris, although Chris Smith would be a pragmatic selection for one match, as the most fluent form of his life is not unconnected to the knowledge that he has no long-term playing future to worry about.

If Phil Tufnell is not included as the attacking spin bowler, his punishment for insubordination in Australia is being taken too far, while the suggestion, from some former Test players, that England should repeat a past folly by omitting Jack Russell to strengthen the batting with Alec Stewart is surely not even worth discussing.

The party I would like to see is: Gooch, Chris Smith, Robin Smith, Lamb, Gower, Botham, Ramprakash, Lewis, Russell, Pringle, DeFreitas, Lawrence and Tufnell.

Prince is top of the form

By IVO TENNANT

THE Prince of Wales opened the indoor cricket school at Arundel Castle yesterday, and joined in a game of Kwik Cricket being played by boys and girls from the London Community Cricket Association.

His second shot was heavily sliced to third slip, where Rohan Gayle from Stockwell Park School, London, obligingly spilled the catch and was descended on by television crews. Prince Charles followed this with one or two forceful drives but was more at ease behind a microphone, saying that he hoped a great deal of talent would be unearthed for England's use. "And a great deal is needed," he added.

The £450,000 school behind the pavilion was chiefly financed by Paul Getty. It will be used by boys and girls who do not have much in the way of facilities at school. The Prince's Trust has given money to help train coaches, who will be under the direction of John Barclay, formerly captain of Sussex.

A pad measuring 20ft by 8ft has been installed to prevent bowlers from damaging their backs. The acoustics mean that coaches do not have to shout, and "daylight" bulbs give an impression of real light.

More than 30,000 children have been coached at Arundel during the past five years. Now, they will be able to use the two Uniturf nets throughout the year. Prince Charles also unveiled a plaque and handed a trophy to Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk, which will be contested by children every year.

The school was built under the auspices of Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation, which has charitable status. It commemorates the interest in the game shown by the 16th Duke of Norfolk. Among those presented to Prince Charles was Ted Dexter, the first life member of Arundel Castle Cricket Club and the captain when the Duke managed MCC's 1962-3 tour to Australia. As chairman of the England committee no one appreciates the school more.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Somerset v Leics

WESTON-SUPER-MARE (*first day of three; Leicestershire won toss*): *Somerset, with eight first-innings wickets in hand are 290 runs behind Leicestershire*

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Roebuck b Trump	61
*N E Briers c Trump b Rose	36
P N Hepworth b Gravenev	38
J J Whitaker b Trump	45
L Potter b Trump	1
J D R Benson low b Hallett	49
C C Lewis c Cook b Trump	7
M I Gidley low b Trump	1
†P Whitticase c Hardon b Trump	33
D J Millns low b Rose	8
J N Maguire not out	0
Extras (b 4 lb 2 w 1, nb 4)	11
Total	283

Score after 100 overs: 234-8

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-77, 3-92, 4-119, 5-134, 6-146, 7-162, 8-210, 9-253

BOWLING: Rose 16-5-24-2, Hallett 13-5-29-1, Trump 33-7-107-6, Hayhurst 5-0-17-0, Gravenev 25-9-39-1, Swallow 17-3-41-0

SOMERSET: First Innings

P M Roebuck c Millns b Lewis	4
S J Cook not out	5
H R H Trump low b Lewis	0
R J Hardon not out	3
Extras (w 1)	1
Total (2 wkts, 6 overs)	13

A N Hayhurst *C J Tavare I G Swallow, †N D Burns G D Rose J C Hallett and D A Graveney to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-6

Bonus points: Somerset 3, Leicestershire 2

Umpires: B Hassan and B J Meyer

Middlesex v Hants

LORD'S (*first day of three; Hampshire won toss*): *Hampshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 205 runs behind Middlesex*

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

M A Roseberry c Middleton b James	47
J C Pooley b Shine	4
*M W Gatting b Shine	0
M R Ramprakash c Gower b James	79
K R Brown c James b Connor	53
M Keech c Shine b James	0
†P Farbrace c Middleton b Connor	1
D W Headley c Aymes b James	26
C W Taylor c Maru b Ayling	11
P C R Tufnell c Maru b Ayling	17
N G Cowans not out	4
Extras (b 3, lb 5, nb 9)	17
Total (61.2 overs)	259

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-6, 3-103, 4-178, 5-178, 6-190, 7-209, 8-225, 9-255

BOWLING: Shine 15-3-70-2, Connor 18-3-61-2, Ayling 20.2-8-52-2, Maru 15-3-38-0, James 13-0-32-4.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

T C Middleton not out	19
V P Terry c Farbrace b Tufnell	25
K D James not out	9
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (1 wkt, 25 overs)	54

*M C J Nicholas R A Smith, D I Gower, J R Ayling †A N Aymes, R J Maru, C A Connor and K J Shine to bat

FALL OF WICKET: 1-36

Bonus points: Middlesex 3, Hampshire 4

Umpires: D Leadbeater and K E Palmer

Kent v Surrey

CANTERBURY (*first day of three; Kent won toss*): *Surrey, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 335 runs behind Kent*

KENT: First Innings

T R Ward b Waqar	6
*M R Benson b Medlycott	142
N R Taylor c Stewart b Waqar	5
G R Cowdrey c Sargeant b Feltham	40
S G Hinks low b Feltham	5
M V Fleming c Greig b Waqar	113
†S A Marsh not out	20
R M Ellison b Waqar	0
C Penn b Waqar	0
T A Merrick b Waqar	4
A P Igglesden c Greig b Medlycott	5
Extras (b 8, lb 8,,w 2)	18
Total (96.4 overs)	358

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-22, 3-129, 4-137, 5-315, 6-327, 7-327, 8-327, 9-333

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 23-3-72-6; Murphy 11-4-35-0, Feltham 26-11-64-2, Medlycott 21.4-1-119-2, Greig 3-0-11-0; Stewart 2-0-12-0; Thorpe 4-0-29-0.

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell not out	19
R I Alikhan not out	2
Extras (b 1, lb 1)	2
Total (no wkt, 10 overs)	23

A J Stewart, D M Ward, G P Thorpe, *I A Greig, K T Medlycott, †N F Sargeant, M A Feltham, Waqar Younis and A J Murphy to bat.

Bonus points: Kent 4, Surrey 4.

Umpires: R Julian and K J Lyons.

Lancs v Yorks

OLD TRAFFORD (*first day of three; Lancashire won toss*): *Lancashire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 285 runs behind Yorkshire*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon c Hegg b Wasim	0
A A Metcalfe c Wasim b DeFreitas	30
D Byas c Atherton b Wasim	0
†R J Blakey c Fairbrother b DeFreitas	9
P E Robinson b Martin	58
S A Kellett b Watkinson	81
C S Pickles c Martin b Wasim	50
P Carrick c Watkinson b Yates	26
P J Hartley not out	6
D Gough b Wasim	9
M A Robinson b Wasim	4
Extras (b 2, lb 8, w 6, nb 23)	46
Total (97.2 overs)	318

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-1, 3-16, 4-83, 5-139, 6-241, 7-256, 8-306, 9-306.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 22.2-1-91-5, DeFreitas 19-2-66-2, Martin 18-5-41-1; Watkinson 27-1-93-1; Yates 11-3-17-1

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis low b M A Robinson	10
G Fowler c Byas b M A Robinson	9
†W K Hegg not out	11
M A Atherton not out	2
Extras (nb 1)	1
Total (2 wkts, 9 overs)	33

*N H Fairbrother, G D Lloyd, M Watkinson, Wasim Akram, P A J DeFreitas, G Yates and P J Martin to bat.



Trump: a career-best

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-21.

Bonus points: Lancashire 4, Yorkshire 4

Umpires: A A Jones and A G T Whitehead.

Sussex v Northants

EASTBOURNE (*first day of three; Sussex won toss*): *Sussex have scored 296 for eight wickets against Northamptonshire*

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham c Penberthy b Bapliste	75
D M Smith c and b Bapliste	67
*P W G Parker b Bapliste	6
A P Wells low b Bapliste	0
M P Speight c Penberthy b Cook	69
C M Wells c Lamb b Curran	12
A I C Dodemaide b Cook	28
†P Moores b Cook	7
B T P Donelan not out	5
I D K Salisbury not out	2
Extras (b 2, lb 3)	5
Total (8 wkts)	296

Score after 100 overs: 254-5.

A N Jones to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-142, 2-145, 3-145, 4-166, 5-212, 6-266, 7-285, 8-290

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: A Fordham, W Larkins, N A Stanley, *A J Lamb, K M Curran, A L Penberthy, E A E Baptiste, R G Williams, †D Ripley, N G B Cook and J P Taylor.

Bonus points: Sussex 3, Northamptonshire 2

Umpires: D R Shepherd and R Palmer

Tetley Challenge

Gloucestershire v West Indians

BRISTOL (*final day of three*): *Gloucestershire drew with West Indians*

WEST INDIES: First Innings 368 for 4 dec (D L Haynes 151, R B Richardson 119).

Second Innings

P V Simmons low b Babington	72
C Lambert c Wright b Gilbert	8
†D Williams low b Babington	4
C L Hooper not out	111
M D Marshall c Hancock b Smith	1
R B Richardson st Alleyne b Russell	48
Extras (lb 8, nb 9)	17
Total (5 wkts dec)	281

*D L Haynes, A L Logie, H A G Anthony, I B A Allen and B P Patterson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-26, 3-146, 4-149, 5-261.

BOWLING: Gilbert 10-1-38-1; Babington 15-1-68-2; Smith 13-2-69-1; Lloyds 7-0-34-0; Alleyne 11-2-40-0; Russell 0.5-0-4-1.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 271 for 6 dec (J W Lloyds 71, M W Alleyne 68)

Second Innings

R J Scott c Simmons b Hooper	19
*A J Wright c Williams b Hooper	60
C W J Athey retired hurt	4
M W Alleyne c Allen b Hooper	28
T Hancock not out	7
†R C Russell run out	2
J W Lloyds not out	3
Extras (lb 8, nb 3)	11
Total (4 wkts)	132

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-117, 3-119, 4-123.

G D Hodgson, D R Gilbert, A M Smith and A M Babington did not bat.

BOWLING: Patterson 8-2-16-0; Allen 7-2-14-0; Hooper 23-6-43-3; Anthony 5-0-27-0; Marshall 5-2-8-0; Richardson 5-2-8-0; Simmons 8-3-12-0; C Lambert 1-1-0-0.

Umpires: J H Harris and D O Oslear.

Derbys v Sri Lankans

DERBY (*first day of three; Derbyshire won toss*): *Derbyshire have scored 258 for five wickets against Sri Lankans*

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Tillekaratne b Wijegunawardene	68
A M Brown c Kuruppu b Ramaniyake	3
C J Adams c Maharoof b Wijegunawardene	34
T J G O'Gorman c de Silva b Ramaniyake	1
S C Goldsmith not out	98
D G Cork c Tillekaratne b Ramaniyake	13
E McCray not out	31
Extras (lb 12, nb 8)	20
Total (5 wkts)	258

†S J M Maher, A E Warner, R W Sladdin, S J Base to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-55, 3-83, 4-116, 5-141.

SRI LANKANS: R S Mahanama, D S B P Kuruppu, A P Gurusinha, *P A de Silva, U C Hathurusinghe, M S Atapattu, R J Ramaniyake, K I W Wijegunawardene, †C P H Ramaniyake, H P Tillekaratne and S D Anurasiri.

Umpires: H D Bird and J D Bond.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Today

Tetley Bitter Challenge

11.00, 110 overs

CHELMSFORD: Essex v West Indians.

DERBY: Derbyshire v Sri Lankans.

Britannic Assurance county championship

11.00, 110 overs minimum

CANTERBURY: Kent v Surrey.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Yorkshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Hampshire.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire (1.05).
WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset v Leicestershire.
EASTBOURNE: Sussex v Northamptonshire.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Derbyshire.

CHELMSFORD: Essex v West Indians.

Refuge Assurance League

2.0 unless stated, 40 overs

SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Surrey.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Yorkshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Hampshire.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire (1.05).
WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset v Leicestershire.
EASTBOURNE: Sussex v Northamptonshire.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Derbyshire.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Bedford: Bedfordshire v Lincolnshire. Slough: Buckinghamshire v Cheshire. Exmouth: Devon v Cornwall. Gateshead Fell: Durham v Northumberland. Potters Bar: Hertfordshire v Cambridgeshire. Marlborough College: Wiltshire v Wales.

Tomorrow

Tetley Bitter Challenge

11.00, 110 overs

Trump the ace for Somerset

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

INJURIES have left Somerset so short of pace bowlers that they were forced to field three spinners in the opening match of the Weston-super-Mare festival against Leicestershire, and for one of them Harvey Trump, aged 22, it was a day to remember.

Trump exploited slow turn in the pitch to such good effect that he finished with six for 107, easily the best figures of his career, his previous best having been the four for 17 against Kent in 1988, his first season.

Despite Trump's exploits however, Leicestershire still reached a useful total of 263. Boon held the early part of the innings together with a defiant 61 and Benson and Whitticase chipped in with 49 and 52 respectively. Chris Lewis rounded off a recovery from 146 for six by reducing Somerset to 13 for two by the close, one of the fallen being Trump, who proved less effective as a nightwatchman than an off spin bowler.

Both sides are fielding two slow bowlers at Eastbourne where Sussex have reached 296 for eight against Northamptonshire. Sussex were unable to capitalise on a dogged opening partnership of 142 between Lenham and David Smith and lost their way in the afternoon session when Eldine Baptiste took three wickets in 13 balls.

After tea was no time for snoozing in the deckchairs as Martin Speight launched a furious assault which brought him 89 from 110 balls, with four sixes and nine fours before he became one of three wickets for Nick Cook, which might be hint of things to come.

The Sri Lankan touring side seemed to have the upper hand against Derbyshire when they removed Kim Barnett for 68 to reduce the home side to 116 for four. But the bowlers were finally worn down by a unbroken stand of 117 between Goldsmith and McCray which carried the score to 258 for five at the end of a dour day's play. Goldsmith has so far batted for 312 minutes for 98.

Benson's century puts Kent in command

By JACK BAILEY

CANTERBURY (first day of three): Surrey, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 335 runs behind Kent

ONCE in a while a day comes along which has just about everything you could want from the county cricket scene. This was one of them. A big century of sterling quality, carefully crafted and patiently executed over five-and-a-half hours by Mark Benson and a buccaneering 113 by Matthew Fleming — he reached his 100 from just 101 balls — were scored in the face of fast bowling brushed by genius from Waqar Younis. His six for 72 could not prevent a highly satisfactory day for Kent but did keep their horizons within bounds.

Add to all this the perfect setting of a sunlit St Lawrence ground and a pitch of quality and pace and there was little left to be desired; unless, that is, you happened to be Medlycott bowling while Benson and Fleming were midway through their partnership of 181.

It looked at first as though the prime sufferers might well be Kent. For Waqar's first spell was full of menace. It brought him wickets of Ward and Taylor in the space of six overs, saw Benson edge uneasily to where third slip would have swallowed the ball and induced much playing and missing. Felton also entered the act later on, reducing Kent to 134 for four when he removed Cowdrey and Hinks within an hour of lunch. But, by then, Benson was as solid as a rock; and instead of heralding a breakthrough, Felton's spell brought Surrey under fire as Fleming entered the fray.

There is a forthright simplicity about Fleming. If the ball is up to him he whacks it; if it short, he does the same. This method brought him a six and 17 fours, ithout giving a chance, before he was deceived by Waqar and caught at mid-off.

Fleming was the first in a line of four victims who fell to Waqar in the space of seven balls for one run — a spell as notable, towards the end of a long afternoon, for the stamina it portrayed as for the employment of subtle skills.

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GOLF

Grice-Whittaker has confidence to lead the way

By PATRICIA DAVIES

PENNY Grice-Whittaker, mother of one, from Yorkshire, led the Weetabix women's British Open after a second successive 69, four under par, at Woburn yesterday. She was two shots ahead of Kelley Markette, who was six under par with three holes still to play.

Markette, who sounds as though she could be a name in Country and Western, entered from a place called Victoria, Texas, and started to blast herself out of anonymity by the simple expedient of going out in 30, six under par.

Out last, she started with three successive birdies then settled down with birdies at every other hole – the 5th, 7th and 9th.

Grice-Whittaker, a former Curtis Cup player but a disappointment as a professional, with her only victory way back in 1986, has a talent that should make her far from anonymous – and she knows it.

"I am a good golfer," she said, "but I have to convince me. I don't have to convince anyone else. What Joe Public thinks about me doesn't matter. I know I'm as good as anyone on this tour."

Four missed cuts this year out of five attempts would indicate that that was an optimistic assessment but Grice-Whittaker, who had to qualify for this championship on Monday, was not making an empty, self-confidence boosting boast. In terms of ability, she was not far off the mark. Her problem, especially now she has a son, Oliver, aged 22 months, has been application.

A metaphorical kick up the backside by her sister has caused a change in attitude and, yesterday, Grice-Whittaker moved to nine under par with five birdies in the first 12 holes. She dropped shots at the 14th and 15th, annoyingly after good drives, but came back with a birdie at the 17th, where she hit a four-iron 177 yards to seven feet and holed the putt.

Markette apart, G-W's nearest challengers were Helen Alfredsson, the defending champion, and Kristal Parker, another American, who both finished on 142, four under par, after rounds of 69.

The group on three under also looked dangerous, containing as it did Trish Johnson, the European No. 1 last year, and Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, who was recently voted shooting star of the month – an unlikely accolade for one of the game's most successful players.

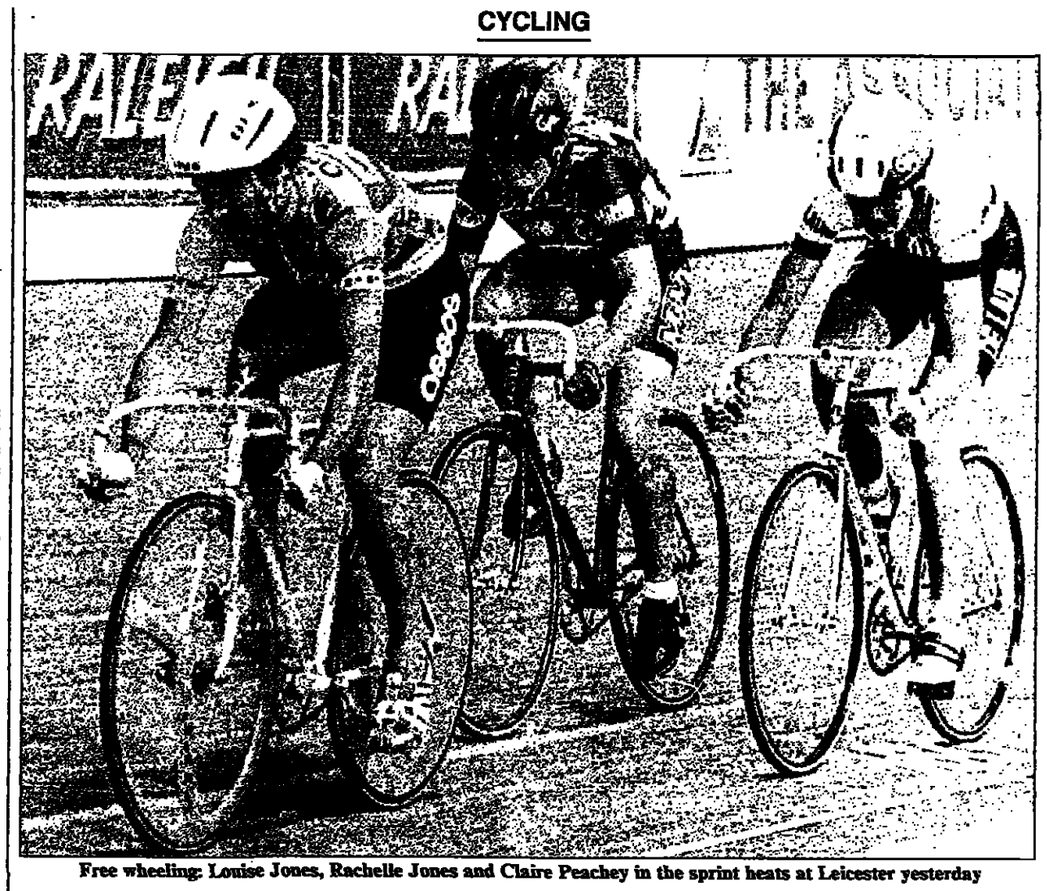
De Lorenzi has been having trouble with her putting, particularly the sub-six foot variety, and she missed three footers at both the 15th and 16th to drop shots. She solved the problem at the 17th, where she chipped in from 15 yards.

EARLY LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 138: P Grice-Whittaker, 69, 69. 142: H Alfredsson (Swe), 73, 69; K Parker (US), 73, 69. 143: T Johnson, 71, 72; M-L de Lorenzi (Fr), 73, 70; H Wadsworth, 68, 75. 144: S Strudwick, 69, 75. 145: L Davies, 71, 74; D Barnard, 73, 72; L Hackney, 73, 72. 146: R Bell (Aus), 71, 75; J Hill (Zim), 72, 74; R Comstock (US), 71, 75; *A Fukushima (Japan), 73, 73; E Orley (Switz), 75, 71; C Baker (Can), 73, 73; K Pearce (Aus), 76, 70, N Ste-Marie (Can), 75, 71. 147: X Wunsch (Sp), 75, 72; J Stephenson (Aus), 74, 73; J Forbes, 74, 73. 148: L Mentz (SA), 77, 71; A Nicholas, 75, 73; K Douglas, 73, 75.

149: P Smillie, 70, 79; B New, 73, 76; J Larsen (US), 77, 72; M Spencer-Devlin (US), 72, 77; K Leadbetter (US), 72, 77; E Dahlkil (Swe), 75, 74; S Croce (It), 75, 74; D Hutton (Aus), 72, 77; J Furby, 78, 71. 150: L Fairclough, 72, 78; T Abitbol (Sp), 77, 73; S Prosser 73, 77; J Germs (SA), 76, 74; D Dowling, 72, 78. 151: C Soules (Fr), 74, 77; L Neumann (Swe), 79, 72; K Espinasse (Fr), 76, 75; T Luckhurst (US), 76, 75; D Baldwin (US), 74, 77; J Soulsby, 73, 78. 152: P Conley (US), 75, 77; R Lautens (Switz), 79, 73; K Lunn (Aus), 79, 73. A Sheard (SA), 76, 76; N Hall (Aus), 76, 76; *J Hall, 76, 76; F Martin (Bel), 75, 77; S Moon (US), 75, 77; C Louw (SA), 74, 78; S Robinson, 74, 78; P Gonzalez (Col), 73, 79; M Walker 73, 79.

* denotes amateur

CYCLING



Free wheeling: Louise Jones, Rachelle Jones and Claire Peachey in the sprint heats at Leicester yesterday

Tandem pair pull out

BRITAIN'S world championship riders Steve Paulding and Anthony Stirrat, who paired up last night for the national tandem sprint championship at Leicester, qualified third fastest in the opening one-lap time trial but later withdrew from the competition (Peter Bryan writes).

The two City of Edinburgh riders were unhappy with the performance of their machine and considered it too dangerous to race again on the steeply-banked velodrome.

Paulding was named this week for the world sprint championship in Stuttgart later this month and Stirrat gained his first international cap to ride in the one kilometre time trial.

Indurain rests on laurels as Chiappucci enters the fray

By PETER BRYAN

WITH their aches, pains and wounds suffered in the Tour de France, Europe's best riders, after a week of lucrative "revenge" races, arrive in Brighton today for tomorrow's Wincanton Classic, the sixth of 13 events which make up this year's Perrier World Cup.

When final team declarations were made at noon yesterday, the Tour winner, Miguel Indurain, of Spain, was not among those listed to start the 146-mile race over the South Downs. Indurain was originally nominated by his Banesto team, but has other things on his mind than trying to improve his equal-21st position in the World Cup standings.

Claudio Chiappucci, the Italian winner of the mountains award in the Tour, who finished in third place overall, was a late entry yesterday with his Carrera team. Greg LeMond, three times the winner of the Tour de France but seventh this year, is certain to start.

Rolf Sorensen, who crashed and was forced to abandon the Tour with a broken collarbone while wearing the yellow jersey, may be forgiven if he does not show the form that has produced a 12-point lead in the standings.

Only three Britons, Sean Yates, a man of Sussex, Robert Millar, of Scotland, both bearing the scars of Tour de France crashes, and Harry Lodge will be among the 180 starters. Entry to the World Cup series is limited to the 20 top-scoring teams, with the next ten in the competition considered to allow a maximum field of 200, making Britain's leading squad in home events. Banana-Falcon, ineligible.

Another name missing is that of Sean Kelly, the winner of the first World Cup series two years ago. He has chosen to prepare for the world road race championship later this month in Spain, competing in a six-day race that began yesterday.

ROUTE DETAILS: Start: 9.15am: Royal Pavilion, Brighton Five laps of a circuit via Falmer, Offham, Plumpton, Westmeston, Ditchling Beacon, Moulsecoomb and Royal Pavilion, followed by four laps of a finishing circuit via Wilson Avenue, racecourse, Lewes Road and Royal Pavilion. Finish approximately 3.25pm.

LEADING WORLD CUP STANDINGS: 1, R Sorensen (Den), 68pts, 2, E Van Hooydonck (Bel), 56; 3, C Bomans (Bel), 49; 4, F Maassen (Neth), 44. 5, L Jalabert (Fr), 43; 6, D De Wolf (Bel), 41.

YACHTING

Britain's cup team poised to take lead

By BARRY PICKTHALL

BRITAIN'S three-boat Admiral's Cup team were challenging Denmark for the lead last night, two hours after the 24-strong fleet had set out from Cowes on the 198-mile Channel Race.

The Danish challenge was led by Ib Anderson's 50-foot Tuborg, which stole a march on her rivals at the start and strode away on the beat out towards the Needles. She was followed by her mid-ranged colleague Unibank, second among the Two Tonners, and Zurich, fourth in the One tOn fleet.

Mike Peacock's British yacht, Juno V, held third place among the 50-footers, two boat lengths behind Italy's Mandrake as the fleet passed through Hurst Narrows. With Wings Of Oracle third among the Two Tonners and Port Pendennis fourth in the One Ton fleet, the home team was in a strong position to take the overall lead from Italy in this Champagne Mumm series.

Their position will also be helped by the acceptance of a 20 per cent penalty by Unibank's crew following an infringement shortly after the start. Several crews misjudged the strong tidal stream and the two 50-footers, Will (Japan) and Corum Saphir (France), together with the Italian Two Ton champion, Larouge, paid the penalty of rushing the line early, having to return to start correctly.

Lawrie Smith gave Port Pendennis a head start for the second day running, but then found himself badly boxed in close to the Island shore by four larger yachts. By the time he had cleared their wind, the British One Tonner had dropped back to fifth in class.

Harold Cudmore also had West Germany's Rubin perfectly placed on the line, and keeping her clear of trouble, gave Stuart Childerley's Oracle crew a lesson in tacking duels by covering their every move as they led the Two Tonners out of the Solent.

As the fleet left the Needles astern, the winds had freshened to 16 to 18 knots but were predicted to lighten overnight. "The tidal stream will play an important part in deciding the winners in this race," Peacock predicted before the start. "It will also probably be won and lost at night – there are a lot of crews who have little experience of night racing and it will tell in this race," he said.

☐ Cowes Week, now in its 165th year, gets underway at 10:15am today, when one of the cannons guarding the ramparts of the Royal Yacht Squadron, signals the start to the first of 196 races. Numbers are 50 more than last year, though they remain 60 short of the record set in 1989.

☐ Peter de Savary's Port Pendennis challenge group formally withdrew its British challenge for the America's Cup yesterday.

☐ Penny Way, of Britain, yesterday did everything that could be asked of her by winning the last race of the women's Lechner Class at the Barcelona pre-Olympic regatta, but it was not enough to snatch the title from Nathalie Le Lievre, of France. Needing to beat Le Lievre by nine points in the final race, recovered from an apparent hole in the 12-knot wind at the start to lead from the third windward mark. But Le Lievre finished third and Way had narrowed the points gap by only 5.7.

In the men's Lechner event, Barry Edgington, of Britain, finished sixth overall, thus renewing his membership of the Richard Ellis elite squad. In the Star Class, John Greenwood and Mark Covell led for part of the race before finishing fifth.

Couples steals the glory

DROTTNINGHOLM – It should have been headlines for Mark Roe, Colin Montgomerie and David James (Mel Webb writes). There they were, sitting proudly together on top of the leader board at the Scandinavian Masters, all on 133, 11 under par. So what happened? Along came Fred Couples and stole their thunder.

Roe, a Ryder Cup hopeful, had a 64. Montgomerie, a Ryder Cup certainty, a 65, and James, who has no chance whatsoever, also a 65, but in the end none of them could compete with the long, lazy swing and the magic putter of Couples, who established a European Tour record by collecting 12 birdies in his round of 61.

Couples, leader of the American Ryder Cup points list, had been thoroughly out of sorts with himself the previous day as he went to a 74 that was, to pitch it charitably, mediocre. An early return to his home at the Palm Beach Polo Club in Florida looked not only likely, but probably the kindest thing that could happen, given the circumstances. How wrong could he, and everybody else, be.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES: 133: M Roe, 69, 64. C Montgomerie, 68, 65. M James, 68, 65. 134: P Broadhurst, 64, 69, S Luna (Sp), 71, 63; A Sherborne, 67, 67; M Kuramoto (Japan), 68, 66, S Ballesteros (Sp), 70, 64. 135: F Couples (US), 74, 61, S Richardson, 65, 69. 136: R Hartmann (US), 69, 67, I Woosnam, 67, 69, J Haeggman (Swe), 65, 70. R Karlsson (Swe), 71, 65. P-U Johansson (Swe), 70, 66. M McNulty (Zim), 71, 65. S Stephen, 69, 67. 137: D Gilford, 69, 68. M Pinero, 69, 68. P Fowler (Aus), 70, 67. P Senior (Aus), 69, 68. C Moody, 70, 67. M McLean, 71, 66. P Mitchell, 70, 67; V Fernandez (Arg), 69, 68; D Cooper, 65, 72. D Williams, 69, 68. 138: K Trimble (Aus), 68, 70; C Rocca (It), 69, 69. D Mylvoic (Can), 69, 69; O Dabson (Fr), 71, 67. P Carngill, 69, 69. J Rystrom (Swe), 71, 67. M Martin (Sp), 67, 71. M Clayton (Aus), 69, 69. D Feherty 71, 67. 139: S Bennett, 73, 66. F Nobilo (NZ), 69, 70; O Sollberg (Swe), 67, 72. E Darcy, 65, 73. E Romero (Arg), 70, 69. R Chapman, 74, 65. R Davis (Aus), 71, 68. P Teravainen (US), 72, 67. A Binaghi (It), 71, 68. P Curry, 71, 68. M Harwood (Aus), 68, 71. J Spence, 70, 69.

Experience on the side of Willison

By JOHN HENNESSY

THE OLD guard faces the new in the 36-hole final of the English amateur championship at Formby today in the persons of Ricky Willison, aged 32, and Mark Pullan, 19. In yesterday's semi-finals, Willison beat Gary Wolstenholme by 5 and 4 and Pullan beat Carl Watts by 4 and 2.

Experience is overwhelmingly on Willison's side today. He has not lost in international matchplay for nearly two years and is a member of the team to face the United States in the Walker Cup at Portmarnock in September. He represented Great Britain and Ireland in the world championship in New Zealand last winter.

By contrast, Pullan was little known outside Yorkshire and lived in the shadow of his twin brother, Stephen. He has made a huge advance under the tuition at Sand Moor of Denis Sheehey.

A victory in the English amateur stroke play championship for the Brabazon Trophy, jointly with Gary Evans, gave him a seeded position at Formby and he now has an unusual achievement within his grasp, that of holding simultaneously the national match play and stroke play titles.

Watts could not reproduce the form which had seen him safely through six matches, including a victory at the 19th yesterday morning against another Walker Cup player, Liam White. He suffered desperately from the seventh, losing five holes in a row to Pullan.

The 11th must have been a psychological blow for Watts. Pullan, insensitively warned of slow play by the referee as he was about to tee off, snap-hooked into the rough. Yet he found the green with his second and holed from 40ft for a three.

Willison ran away from Wolstenholme with four birdies in five holes from the 10th, allowing a final three-foot putt at the 14th, which the official margin of victory denies him. He was 12 under par for the day and has achieved in seven matches the same number of eagles as shots dropped to par, three.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: M Pullan (Sand Moor) bt L Westwood (Worksop), 3 and 2; C Watts (Hawkstone Park) bt L White (Wollaton Park), at 19th, R Willison (Ealing) bt N Ludwell (Selby), 1 hole; G Wolstenholme (Bristol and Clifton) bt S Burnell (Brickendon Grange), 3 and 2. Semi-finals: Pullan bt Watts, 4 and 2; Willison bt Wolstenholme, 5 and 4.

Jones to play Pardoe

STEPHEN Jones, winner of the Welsh amateur championship a decade ago, and Simon Pardoe, the former British boys' champion, meet over 36 holes in the 1991 final at Ashburnham today (Chris Smart writes).

Jones made a fine start to his semi-finals against Martin Proctor, of Wenvoe Castle, winning three of the first four holes; he was five under par when the match finished 4 and 3. Pardoe, aged 20, beat Richard Johnson, runner-up in the amateur championship 14 months ago, by 3 and 2.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: M Proctor (Wenvoe Castle) bt A J Barnett (Royal St David's), 3 and 2; S P Jones (Cardiff) bt C Sheppard (Southern Down), 2 and 1; R.C Johnson (Cardiff) bt C Reef (Ashburnham), 5 and 3; S Pardoe (Gorrig and Streetley) bt A V Jones (Wrexham), at 20th. Semi-finals: Jones bt Proctor, 4 and 3; Pardoe bt Johnson, 3 and 2.

SWIMMING

Slimline Read believes her best times are yet to come

By CRAIG LORD

THE Barnet Copthall club were celebrating last night after Kathy Read unexpectedly took her tally of national long course backstroke titles to 12 at Leeds where Mike Fibbens buried past disappointments. Both booked themselves places on the British team for the European championships at Athens in three weeks time.

After clocking 2min 15.68sec at the national championships to beat Joanne Deakins, who has broken two Commonwealth records this year, Read said: "That's not my limit by a long shot. I want a medal at Athens."

Having lost almost a stone in weight during the last year, Read looks and talks confidently about herself and her future, seven years after winning her first national title.

"I'm feeling good about myself. I'm swimming full-time because i could'nt cope with the job I had and training. It means my parents are supporting me fully because the DHS will no longer pay me dole."

For Deakins, the race was a test of pace before Athens. The schoolgirl from Evesham will be looking for a large improvement if she travels to Greece.

Victory over Austyn Shortman, of Bristol Central, in the 50 metres freestyle gave Fibbens a return ticket to the British team. He was spurred on by failing to qualify for the world championships.

Grant Robins, of Portsmouth Northsea, will also join the squad for Athens after victory in the 200 metres backstroke put a firm end to a run of below par performances during the last year.

A realistic Robins pointed out that while the British record was in his sights – he missed it last night by 0.60 of a second – he was still five seconds outside the world record.

"That's what I'll be looking at over the next 18 months. Its my best time, but my training times indicate that there's a lot more to come."

Certainly, Robins was not helped by conditions at Leeds Central Pool; the water level was at least two inches too low and the diving pit was being used as a swim-down facility, adding to water turbulence.

The venue has long been disliked by backstroke swimmers for its diagonally-patterned roof, which leads competitors to believe they are swimming in a straight line when in fact they spend most of the race clashing with the lane ropes.

☐ Paul Palmer, of Lincoln, won his second European youth championship title at Antwerp last night, clocking 3min 53.44sec, four seconds faster than the winner of the event at Leeds and inside the qualifying time for Athens.

RESULTS: Men: 50m freestyle: 1, M Fibbens (Barnet Copthall), 23.21sec; 2, A Shortman (Bristol Central), 23.83; 3, A Rapley (Buxton and District), 23.89. 400m freestyle: 1, P Howe (City of Birmingham), 3:57.55; 2, A Clayton (City of Leeds), 4:00.13; 3, S Akers (City of Leeds), 4:00.84. 200m backstroke: 1, G Robins (Portsmouth Northsea), 2:03.80; 2, M O'Connor (Bolton Metro), 2:05.94; 3, G Williams (Portsmouth Northsea), 2:05.95 (Welsh record). Women: 50m freestyle: 1, A Sheppard (Milngavie and Bearsden), 26.77; 2, N Kennedy (Nova Centurion), 26.87; 3, M Lock (City of Cardiff), 27.04 (Welsh record). 200m backstroke: 1, K Read (Barnet Copthall), 2:15.68; 2, J Deakins (Gloucester City), 2:16.24; 3, S Page (Mercury Wigan Wasps), 2:19.22.

ATHLETICS

S Africa unlikely in Tokyo

THE door to South Africa's participation at the world championships in Tokyo from August 24 will be closed today (David Powell writes). Although the South African Amateur Athletic Congress voted last weekend against participation, its president, Henry Cloete, said on Monday that there was a chance it would change its mind. But yesterday he said that a poll of congress athletes had confirmed the stance.

The South African Amateur Athletic Association, the new unified governing body comprising South African board, congress and union representatives, meets in Port Elizabeth today.

Cloete said last night: "It is definitely no go. The athletes said that unification of the sport and development projects must be implemented first." he said.

"We are getting dangerously close to August 14 [the deadline] and it is hard to imagine how there can be a change of attitude after tomorrow if, for a second time, they vote against participation," John Holt, the IAAF secretary, said last night.

IN BRIEF

Try-out for new lines

AN ELECTRONIC officiating system is to be demonstrated during the United States men's hard-court tennis championships in Indianapolis from August 12 to 18. The electronic lines system determines where a ball lands with the aid of antennae buried below the court.

Don Galliers, president of Xsports, the manufacturer, said: "It can determine if a ball is in or out and sends an audible call if the ball is out." The system will be demonstrated in Indianapolis but not be used in the tournament.

☐ Sarah Loosemore has decided to take up her place at Oxford University this October. She will still continue her tennis career.

BOXING: Pat Barrett, the Manchester-based European light-welterweight champion, is to make a compulsory defence of his title against Racheed Lawal, of Denmark, at a venue in or near Manchester in the autumn.

RUGBY UNION: A six-month suspension imposed on Paul Thomas, the Coventry captain, has been halved by Canadian authorities. The back-row forward, who allegedly abused the referee during a match in Ontario, will not now miss any of his club's league matches.

CANOEING: The international federation has lifted a 21-year suspension on South Africa. It will readmit the republic as a provisional member and invite a Springbok team to the world championships in Paris this month.

TENNIS

Yorkshire on the up and up

By ALIX RAMSAY

THERE is still everything to play for at Eastbourne today in the final day's play of the group one matches in the County Cup.

After yesterday's determined performance by the Yorkshire men and women, the balance of power looks to be shifting towards the north: Yorkshire poised to win the double and lift the club in both the men's and women's sections. Between them they have won only five times and never in the same year. Yorkshire's last victory came in 1988 but it was back in 1963 that the women last celebrated.

Both Yorkshire squads took on Surrey yesterday, with the men upsetting the defending champions 5-4. Despite needing only one more win the result looked anything but certain as the match went into the final round of rubbers.

In each of the three games Yorkshire struggled to keep pace with Surrey, but their two stalwarts, Henderson and Heron, bounced back, after dropping the first set, to beat Pashley and Stokes 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, and put their team at the top of the table.

The women matched that performance to beat Surrey 5-4 with Kate Howden and Karen McLoughlin again clinching the match, this time beating Chrissie Tee and Julie Willson 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. Karen Hunter and Claire Pollard, Surrey's top pair, could not produce the goods yesterday losing two rubbers as Surrey sank to third place. They will need more than a little good fortune to lift themselves into the runners-up spot today.

While the captains and the organisers retire with their calculators, the only certain thing to come out of yesterday's results is that nothing has been decided. Kent's men left themselves mathematically in contention for the title by thrashing Hampshire and the Isle of Wight 8-1. Hampshire, who have not won a single match so far, could be saved from relegation if they beat Essex today.

German rises to a new challenge

By ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

NOT even Michael Stich's sudden rise to prominence can match that of Kai Schrameyer, a law student from Cologne, who played his first open event in the lowest division last November; today he meets the Australian, Mick Connell, the favourite, for a place in the final of the British Open wheelchair championships in Fulham. Yesterday, Schramayer lost just one game in beating the Frenchman, Pierre Fusade.

The ease with which the 23-year-old German has adapted physically to wheelchair tennis is almost as impressive as the way he has come to terms mentally with the bone cancer, which cost him his left leg in May 1983.

As one of the better junior tennis players in his region, Schrameyer would have been forgiven for turning away from sport for ever. Instead he continued to play basketball and after unsuccessfully trying to play "stand-up" tennis, as the wheelchair players call the able-bodied game, turned to wheelchair tennis with a vengeance late last year. Earlier in the summer, he reached the final of the French Open.

Far from being unhappy with his lot, Schrameyer goes beyond the ordinary bounds of courage. "In a sense, wheelchair tennis is far better. I would not have had the chance to go to different cities, meet so many different people because I was not good enough at the stand-up game.

"I also find it a double challenge. There is the challenge of hitting the ball and the challenge of getting to it. That's the hard part – knowing how hard to push," he says.

FOR THE RECORD

TENNIS

INTER-COUNTY CUP: Thursday's results: Men: Group 1 (Eastbourne) Lancashire 5, Hampshire and IOW 4; Yorkshire 8, Kent 1; Surrey 8, Essex 1. Group 3 (Felixstowe): Oxfordshire 6, Durham and Cleveland 3; Berkshire 7, Cheshire 2; Warwickshire 6, Gloucestershire 3. Group 4 (Bristol): Avon 5, Norfolk 4, Leicestershire 6, Devon 3, Hertfordshire 6, Hereford and Worcestershire 3. Group 5 (Bude): Sussex 8, Cambridgeshire 1, Somerset 5, Nottinghamshire 4, North Wales 5, Staffordshire 3. Group 6 (Hunstanton): Dorset 9, Cumbria 0; North of Scotland 6, Northumberland 3, Northamptonshire 6, Bedfordshire 1. Women: Group 1 (Eastbourne): Essex 5, Middlesex 4, Yorkshire 8, Lancashire 4, Leicestershire 6, Surrey 3. Group 3 (Worthing): North of Scotland 5, Somerset 4; Kent 7, Sussex 2, Hampshire and IOW 5, Devon 4. Group 4 (Oxford): Staffordshire 8, Derbyshire 1; Bedfordshire 5, Gloucestershire 4, Buckinghamshire 6, Berkshire 3. Group 5 (Exmouth): West of Scotland 5, Dorset 4; South Wales 9, Avon 0; Hereford and Worcestershire lead North Wales, 5-2. Group 6 (Poole): Shropshire 6, Durham 3, East of Scotland 5, Lincolnshire 4, Cheshire 5, Northumberland 4. Group 7 (Southsea): Channel Islands 7, Cumbria 2; Suffolk 8, Isle of Man 1; Northants 8, Wiltshire 1, South of Scotland 5, Cornwall 4

Yesterday: Men: Group 2 (Cambridge): South Wales 8, East of Scotland 4; Middlesex 6, West of Scotland 3; Buckinghamshire 6, Derbyshire 3. Group 3 (Felixstowe): Berkshire 6, Warwickshire 3; Durham and Cleveland 6, Cheshire 3; Gloucestershire 7, Oxfordshire 2. Promoted: Oxfordshire. Durham and Cleveland Relegated: Cheshire, Warwickshire. Group 5 (Bude): North Wales 5, Somerset 4; Nottinghamshire 5, Cambridgeshire 3; Sussex 6, Staffordshire 3. Promoted: Somerset and Nottinghamshire. Relegated: Staffordshire and Cambridgeshire. Group 6 (Hunstanton): Northamptonshire 9, Northumberland 0; North of Scotland 7, Cumbria 2; Bedfordshire 5, Dorset 4. Promoted: Northamptonshire and Dorset. Relegated: Northumberland and Cumbria. Women: Group 2 (Cromer): Cambridgeshire 7, Nottinghamshire 2; Warwickshire 7, Hertfordshire 2, Norfolk 7, Oxfordshire 2. Group 4 (Oxford): Bedfordshire 7, Berkshire 2; Staffordshire 8, Buckinghamshire 1; Buckinghamshire 5, Derbyshire 4. Promoted: Staffordshire and Bedfordshire. Relegated: Berkshire and Derbyshire. Group 5 (Exmouth): Avon 6, North Wales 3; South Wales 7, Dorset 2; Hereford and Worcestershire 5, West of Scotland 4. Promoted: South Wales and Hereford and Worcestershire. Relegated: North Wales and Avon. Group 5 (Poole): Cheshire 5, Lincolnshire 4, Shropshire 6, East of Scotland 3; Northumberland 7, Durham and Cleveland 2. Promoted: Cheshire and Northumberland. Relegated: East of Scotland and Durham and Cleveland.

SAN MARINO: Men's tournament: Second round: C Costa (Sp) bt L Nemecek (Ger), 6-2, 6-2. F Fontang (Fr) bt J Arrese (Sp), 6-3, 6-3; G Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt M Oosting (Neth), 2-6, 6-0, 7-6; R Furlan (It) bt P Pambianco (It), 6-4, 6-2; R Azar (Arg) bt D Orsanic (Arg), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; C Mezzadri (Switz) bt N Marquez (Par), 6-3, 6-3. Quarter-finals: R Furlan (It) bt F Devin (Arg), 6-2, 6-3; F Fontang (Fr) bt C Mezzadri (Switz), 6-4, 6-0.

CARLSBAD, California: Women's tournament: Second round: Z Garrison (US) bt K Quentrec (Fr), 6-2, 6-1. J Capriati (US) bt L McNeil (US), 6-2, 6-1. Quarter-finals: M Seles (Yug) bt A Minter (Aus), 6-0, 6-3.

LOS ANGELES: Men's tournament: Second round: A Mansdorf (Is) bt G Poza (It), 6-4, 6-3; A Krickstein (US) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus), 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 6-3, 6-4. QUITZOUNAL, Mexico: Men's tournament: Second round: S Bruguera (Sp) bt C Pistolesi (It), 3-6, 6-2, 6-1; E Sanchez (Sp) bt E Winogradsky (Fr), 7-6, 6-4. M Zillner (Ger) bt M Filippini (Urug), 5-7, 6-3, 6-3, R Vogt (Cz) bt C Poline (Fr), 7-6, 6-2, K Novacek (Cz) bt M Vajda (Cz), 6-1, 7-6

YACHTING

BARCELONA: Pre-Olympic regatta: RESULTS: Tornado: Final race: 1, O Schwall and R Schwall (Ger), 2, R Nagy and N Herard (Fr); 3, A Goodall and G Goodall (Aus). British: 11. D Williams and I Rhodes, 31, R Portway and A Wetherell. Overall: 1, Schwall and Schwall, 26 10 points. 2, M Booth and J Forbes (Aus), 39 70; 3, G Zuccoli and A Gisoni (It), 57 70 British 12. Williams and Rhodes, 103.0; 36, Portway and Wetherell, 224.0. Flying Dutchman: Final race: 1, P Foerster and S Bourdow (US); 2, M Nyberg and J Lekell (Swe); 3, P Fronca and S Tallas (NZ) British 14, C Apthorp and J Lyne; 20, W Henderson and A Hemp Overall: 1, L Doreste and D Manrique (Sp), 33.0pts, 2, M Jones and G Knowles (NZ), 43.7; 3, V Budaritsev and G Shedulko (USSR), 70.0. British, 17, Apthorp and Lyne, 116.0; 19, Henderson and Hemp, 124.0. Lechner Class: Men: Final race: 1, A Fernandez (Sp), 2, A Inbar (Isr), 3, M Gebhardt (US) British, 12, B Edgington; 39, J Hutchcroft. Overall: 1, M Quentin (Fr), 75.70pts, 2, Inbar, 93.0; 3, Fernandez, 106.7. British: 6, Edgington, 141.0; 23, Hutchcroft, 256.7. Women: Final race: 1, P Way (GB), 2, D de Vries (Neth), 3, N Le Lievre (Fr). Overall: 1, Le Lievre, 41.8pts, 2, Way, 45.0, 3, A Senam (It), 62.1. Star Class: Final race: 1, A Hagen and K Falkenthal (Ger); 2, P Sterneen and P Linnordelli (Br), 3, B Andersen and M Mikkelsen (Den). British: 5, J Greenwood and M Covell, 15, S Jardine and P Lawrence. Overall: E Adams and T Olsen (US), 32.7pts, 2, M Reynolds and H Bennet (US), 40.0; 3, Andersen and Mikkelsen, 48.8 British: 20, Jardine and Lawrence, 148.0; 21, Greenwood and Covell, 150.0 Finn Class: Sixth race: 1, J van der Ploeg (Sp), 2, L LeMieux (Can); 3, B Ledbetter (US), British, 14, R Lott; 33, J Falconer. 470 Class: Women: Sixth race: 1, F Zabel and P Guerra (Sp); 2, Y Shiga and A Kinoshita (Japan); 3, S Meyer and K Adloster (Ger). British: 8, S Rees-Jones and S Carr; 20, D Jarvis and R Tribe Men: Sixth race: 1, B Kouwenhoven and J Kouwenhoven (Neth); 2, J Calafat and F Sanchez (Sp); 3, O Pontelles and G Espanesse (Fr). British, 17, P Brotherton and A Hemmings, 23, N Buckley and P Newlands Europe Class: 25 protests against the race committee, race will probably be abandoned. Provisional result: 1, J Trotman (US), 2, C Becker (US); 3, A Bogatec (It). British: 22, A Lucas; 23, S Robertson.

PLYMOUTH: NatWest cadet national championships: A Fleet: 1, F Rowsell and K Devin, 17.75pts; 2, R Gilbert and J Tickford, 22.75, 3, M J Gilford and D Fellows 25. B Fleet: 1, N Rogers and T Green, 10.25, 2, J Vos and P de Groote (Bel), 20; 3, A Kralling and N Bennister, 20 75.

TORBAY. Fireball national championship: Race five. 1, J Memcks and T Saunt (Rutland Water); 2, R Smith and C Smith (Chew Valley Lake); 3, P Bedell and A Rice (RYA). Fireball UK National Championships from Royal Torbay Yacht Club: Race Six: The Rounder Trophy: 1, C Medd and S Medd (Grafham Water SC); 2, J Memcks and T Saunt (Rutland Water SC), 3 M Lewis and R Bailey (Draycote SC) Overall leaders (Provisional): 1, Memcks and Saunt, 2, Bedell and Rice (RYA), 3, Medd and Medd

ATHLETICS

CRYSTAL PALACE: Representative match: Selected results: 110m hurdles: J Ridgeon (Ach), 13.56sec. Shot: N Bunning (SC) 17.37m. Discus: N Thompson (SC) 50.02m. Hammer: M Jones (SC) 66.38m Match result: 1, Southern CAA 195pts, 2, Combined Services 111; 3, Achilles 92.

ROEHAMPTON: Rosenheim League: Men: Group 4 Kent (Epsom and Ewell H), 11 32m (British veterans best)

HENDON: Open meeting: Women: Hammer: D Holden (Borough of Hounslow), 47 68m (British record)

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto Blue Jays 7, Cleveland Indians 5; New York Yankees 8, Minnesota Twins 3, Detroit Tigers 5, California Angels 3; Kansas City Royals 6, Milwaukee Brewers 5 (11 innings), Oakland A's 4, Boston Red Sox 2; Chicago White Sox 13, Texas Rangers 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco Giants 8 Cincinnati Reds 1, Philadelphia Phillies 4, Montreal Expos 1, St Louis Cardinals 6, Pittsburgh Pirates 3

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Kent 114, Northants 111, Middlesex 131, Cambridgeshire 112; Wiltshire 152, Worcestershire 101

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Bournemouth: Hampshire 354-5 dec and 167-3 dec (R S M Morris 58 not out), Nottinghamshire 246-9 dec and 207-4 (M Newell 66, S M Brogan 60 not out) Match drawn. Chesdon: Somerset 251 (G T J Townsend 92, R J Turner 64, D R Brown 4-82) and 151-4 dec (Townsend 62 not out, R J Bartlett 63), Warwickshire 151-2 dec (G M Charlesworth 57 not out) and 178-8. Match drawn Leicester: Yorkshire 222 (B Parker 58; C Williamson 4-45, M Oadley 4-74) and 153 (T J Boon 4-24). Leicestershire 187-4 dec (T J Boon 113 not out) and 216-9 (Oadley 100). Match drawn. Oundle School: Northamptonshire 270 (R R Montgomerie 55) and 51-0; Derbyshire 280-8 dec (Indian Ahmed 102) Dartford: Worcestershire 215-8 dec and 280-4 dec (W P C Weston 135 not out), Kent 310 (S J Hinks 56, R D Stemp 6-121, S Herzberg 4-94). Match drawn.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Lakenham: Suffolk 98 (J C M Lewis 4-41), Norfolk 180-4 dec (S G Plumb 71 not out, C J Rogers 64).

BASKETBALL

EDMONTON, Canada: Junior men's world championships: Group E: Italy 96, Romania 89; Spain 99, Yugoslavia 95; Group G: Australia 94, Uruguay 68 Group H: China 84, Angola 64

GLIDING

BICESTER: Inter-Services championships: Second day: Class A (129km): 1, G Lee (Jaguar, 108kph, 840pts; 2, F Stungemore (Dacus B), 104, 841, 3, B Logan (Ventus B), 109, 449 Class B: 1 D Dean (Dg100), 62.6kph, 1400pts 2, P McLean (Astir), 62 4, 140, 3, C Jolly (Astir), 57 7, 124 Class C (129km): 1, R Gaunt (ASK21), 81.9kph, 880pts, 2, M Heneghan (Junior), 128.2kph, 541, 3, A Sommerville (ASK21), 1.39 1, 540

GOLF

GRAND BLANC, Michigan: Buick Open: First round, 63: S Hoch, 68; B Faxon, M Dawson, 67; T Moore W Sandor G Norman (Aus), G Twiggs, C Beck, F Allem (SA), B Jaeckel, G Sauers, D Sutherland 68: J Delong, S Pate, B Crenshaw, T Kite, W Grady (Aus), S Lowery, D Edwards, J Cook, S Randolph B Faibel, N Faldo (GB), M Standly

HOCKEY

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia: Sultan Azlan Shah Cup International: India 2, New Zealand 0, Pakistan 8, South Korea 0

SNOOKER

STOKE: Rommans Grand Prix: First round: B Bunn (Eng) en V Harris (Eng), scr; S Meakin (Eng) bt E Hendron (Scot), 5-2; A Harris (Eng) bt E Manning (Eng), 5-2. S Chong (Malaysia) bt M Darrington (Eng), 5-0. D Harold (Eng) bt J Dunning (Eng), 5-0, D Henry (Scot) bt G Scott (Eng), 5-1, B L'Orange (Nor) bt E Lawlor (Eng), 5-3. J Ferguson (Eng) bt G Donne, (Eng), 5-3. C MacGilleway (Scot) bt F Ellis (SA), 5-1. R Rosa (Eng) bt B Higgins (N Ire), 5-0. A Chezina (Ind) bt M Gibson (Scot), 5-2, D Martin (Eng) bt A O'Connor (Ire), 5-2; S Beggolla (Eng) bt P Houlman (Eng), 5-2, A Kearney (Ire) bt D Guest (Eng), 5-3; M Bradley (Eng) bt C Morton (Eng), 5-2, K Young (Eng) bt I Williamson (Eng), 5-4 Second rounds: S Meakin (Eng) bt B Oliver (Eng), 5-1, A Cairns (Eng) bt B Bunn (Eng), 5-0, M Smith (Eng) bt A Harris (Eng), 5-4, J Ferguson (Eng) walkover J Spencer (Eng); D Henry (Scot) bt G Natale (Can), 5-4, B Pinches (Eng) bt B L'Orange (

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Warwickshire's championship hopes suffer a setback at the hands of one of their former batsmen

Moody hammers career best

By ALAN LEE
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WORCESTER (First day of three; Worcestershire won toss): Warwickshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 418 runs behind Worcestershire

WHEN Warwickshire solved their overseas player dilemma by releasing Tom Moody last September, they were well aware he could come back to haunt them. Even in their darkest moments, of which there were many last winter, it might not have occurred to them that he would do so with the highest score of his career and at a time when their daydream of winning the Britannic Assurance championship was beginning to look a serious proposition.

Moody, opening Worcestershire's batting for the first time in a championship game, carried the innings on his tall shoulders after Allan Donald, the bowler Warwickshire preferred to keep, had dismissed Tim Curtis and Graeme Hick in four violent overs at the start of this extraordinary day.

Without the Australian, there is no telling how few Worcestershire might have mustered. As it was, they amassed 454 for eight before declaring and made it highly improbable that their neighbours can extend their advantage over Essex with a ninth victory of the season.

These were not entirely straightforward batting conditions, as witnessed by the amount of times the ball went past the bat. But Moody's first double-century in county cricket was infectious, eventually dominating stands of 144 with Steve Rhodes and 186 with Ian Botham, whose 81 was watched by the England observer, Fred Titmus, and will not have harmed his prospects of an emotional recall to the colours for the final Test.

Moody's 210, from 256 balls, was an astonishing innings – not least for its blemishes. He played and missed with a regularity to make Warwickshire teeth grind, acquired innumerable fours off the edge through an often unguarded third-man area and should have been stumped on 61 and caught at slip on 159. Between times, however, he was lordly, dispatching the loose balls – of which Warwickshire bowled far too many – with a powerful disdain. This was his fifth century of the year but his first for eight games, a lean patch his old bosses would have given much to extend.

In this fixture last season, Worcestershire were cowering at 57 for five on the opening morning, all the wickets taken by Gladstone Small. Rhodes then made 96 and Warwickshire were beaten by the small matter of 323 runs. Rhodes entered yesterday at 46 for three, his promotion partly due to Phil Neale's thumb injury and partly through the need for some blotting paper amid the fluent shotmakers.

Curtis, the stand-in captain, evidently counted himself in this category, cutting and carving so furiously against Donald that Lloyd posted three gullies in addition to three slips, the widest of which quickly pocketed a routine catch.

Hick was given one short ball by Donald, which he cut confidently for four, but when the yorker was slipped in at explosive speed he connected only with a despairing bottom edge. It was a fine piece of bowling, which was exactly what Hick did not need yesterday.

Worcestershire contributed to their own decline with a needless run-out for which Moody must shoulder most of the blame but, for the ensuing 34 overs, Warwickshire heads were flung back regularly, either in frustration at their ill-luck or grudging admiration for an old team-mate.

Rhodes, on 22, was dropped at slip off the luckless Small, who deserved another five wickets but ended up with none. The advent of Pierson's speculative off-spin got Moody so over-excited that he was was almost stumped in aiming for a third boundary in an over yet he reached his century with a circumspect but ironic single off Donald. His next 50 occupied just 41 balls.

Rhodes fell to the varieties of Reeve, who then resumed an old confrontation with Botham by hitting him on the helmet with a bouncer. The big fellow was out of touch early on but, prepared to play through it rather than hit his way out of trouble, he was soon locating the middle of the bat in a way which had Titmus chewing approvingly on his pipe as he prepared a positive report for last night's selection meeting.



Stylish sweep: Moody strokes another four on his way to 210 for Worcestershire against Warwickshire at Worcester yesterday

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*†S Curtis c Ostler b Donald	10
T M Moody c Asif Din b Reeve	210
G A Hick b Donald	4
D B D'Oliveira run out	10
†S J Rhodes c Ostler b Reeve	46
I T Botham c Donald b Asif Din	81
S R Lampitt lbw b Reeve	0
R K Illingworth c Holloway b Munton	21
P J Newport not out	28
N V Radford not out	10
Extras (b 10, lb 11, w 5, nb 6)	34
Total (8 wkts dec, 98 overs)	454

G R Dilley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-25, 3-48, 4-190, 5-378, 6-376, 7-414, 8-431.
BOWLING: Donald 17-3-80-2; Small 18-3-72-0; Reeve 21-3-87-3; Munton 23-4-87-1; Pierson 13-1-60-0; Asif Din 6-0-37-1.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles not out	9
J D Ratcliffe not out	20
Extras (lb 3, nb 4)	7
Total (no wkt, 9 overs)	36

*T A Lloyd, D P Ostler, Asif Din, D A Reeve, †P C L Holloway, G C Small, A R K Pierson, T A Munton and A A Donald to bat.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 4, Warwickshire 3.

Umpires: J W Holder and R C Tolchard.

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Norster helps Davies wield a new broom

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE appointment of Alan Davies, of Nottingham, as national coach for the next three months must be one of the shrewdest moves the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) has made in a period more notable for pitfalls than plaudits. The union has nothing to lose and everything to gain from such a short-term decision, given that the country's fortunes are so close to rock bottom.

Similarly Davies, who has run his own marketing and sales company for two years after two decades as a teacher, will find an outlet for his coaching ambitions which England have not utilised to the full. Should he strike up a worthwhile relationship with Robert Norster, the former Cardiff, Wales and British Isles lock who was confirmed yesterday as the new Welsh team manager, then the WRU may have a worthy new broom with which to sweep away the dross of recent seasons.

The two men met in Cardiff yesterday, before the management team which replaces Ron Waldron for the period up to and including the World Cup was unveiled at a press conference. Norster, aged 34 and a finance house manager in Cardiff, retired only two years ago with a shoulder injury after nearly ten years as one of Europe's leading locks. His playing reputation will help balance his lack of managerial experience and offers him "street credibility" with the players.

Last season, he was one of several recently-retired players to assist Waldron in technical matters. He admitted yesterday that the psychological damage done to the Welsh players in Australia was immense. "My task will be to try and rebuild the players' self-confidence and belief. We have quality players in Wales, if not in abundance," he said.

Davies, aged 46 and a successful coach of England's B side from 1987-89, said: "Wales are not going to win the World Cup and Welshmen must not expect them to do so. As the coach, it is my job to get the best out of the players." His first chance to do that comes on September 4, when Wales play France in a match celebrating the inauguration of new floodlighting at Cardiff Arms Park.

England's failure to harness Davies's talents is partially due to a personality clash with others associated with the English team management. Too outspoken for his own good on occasions, the former stand-off half remains one of the country's top three coaches. "The ideal is to get the national side to express themselves individually, so that you fire the imagination of the people watching, but you need the commitment of forwards and backs," he said, in an English context, four years ago.

Now he must do that with some raw Welsh material, but the consolation for Davies and Norster is that no one can expect miracles within three months. Respectability will serve for now.

☐ Michael Coley, the Rugby Football Union's marketing manager, has resigned after six years with the union. He will leave after the World Cup ends on November 2, to become chief executive to a Spanish promotional company, Dorna, which wishes to establish itself in England.

Coley, aged 45 and a referee as well as a former team official with Surrey, said he had been made an offer he could not refuse. He denied that his decision had anything to do with differences of opinion with members of the England squad and their commercial ambitions. His departure from Twickenham was, he said, an amicable one after a fruitful association.

"We are now making £4.5 million on the commercial side and about three-quarters of a million for the game," he said. "You might say we are paying the mortgage. We have built a £16 million stand and have plans for a new east stand. We are putting £1m into youth development. But it's time, perhaps, for a change, for a new face and a new momentum."

☐ Huw Williams-Jones, the South Wales Police prop, will be part of the enlarged Welsh training squad, from which the World-Cup squad will come. His name was inadvertently omitted from the list announced on Thursday.

THE NEW LEADERS

COACH: Alan Barry Clive Davies: Born September 22 1944 at Ynysybwl; now lives near Nottingham. Married; two daughters. Left Wales at the age of 10; educated at Carlton le Willow GS, Nottingham, and Loughborough College (degree in PE and maths). Worked as a technician on Canberra bombers in the RAF; now self-employed.

Played as stand-off or centre for Bedford, RAF, Loughborough College, Nottingham, Notts/Lincs/Derby, East Midlands (including match v 1973 All Blacks). Coach at Nottingham for 13 years; coached Midlands between 1985 and 1988 and led them to inaugural divisional championship; coach to England B from 1986 to 1988; assistant coach on England's 1988 tour of Australia.

TEAM MANAGER: Robert Leonard Norster: Born June 23 1957 at Ebbw Vale. Educated at Nantyglo GS, Gwent College of Further Education, and South Glamorgan Institute. Married. Works for Chartered Trust, Cardiff.

First senior rugby experience with Abertillery; joined Cardiff in 1978; first chosen for Wales in 1979 non-cap match v Romania; played for Wales B against France in 1979 and 1980; toured North America with Wales in 1980; won first of his 34 caps against Scotland in 1982, last against England in 1989; captained Wales in first Test v New Zealand in 1989; toured New Zealand with 1983 Lions in 1983 (two Tests) and Australia with 1989 Lions (one Test); did not play during 1989-90 season after dislocating shoulder during World XV tour to South Africa; retired as player in 1990.

Aston Villa sign Staunton

ASTON VILLA continued a busy summer in the transfer market by signing Steve Staunton, from Liverpool, for a fee of around £1.1 million yesterday.

Staunton, aged 22, a Republic of Ireland international who appeared in last year's World Cup finals, is the second player signed by Villa this week, following the £450,000 purchase of Kevin Richardson from Real Sociedad, the Spanish club, and the eighth of the summer.

Staunton, the second player to leave Anfield in 24 hours following the sale of Peter Beardsley to Everton for £1 million, said: "I'm delighted that the signing has finally been completed.

"The move was delayed because of a personal problem at Anfield. But there was never any doubt that I would be joining Villa. It was the kind of offer that Gaeme Souness could not really turn down.

"Villa are a big club and I hope that I can be just as successful with them as I was with Liverpool."

Atkinson said: "Despite being only 22, Steve has a great pedigree. He has already won a host of top honours and I hope that he can achieve great things with Villa."

Although Villa have spent heavily since the end of last season, the club's balance is still in the black since almost £7 million has been raised by the sales of David Platt, Tony Cascarino, Lee Butler and Andy Comyn, who has joined second division Derby County. Gareth Williams, Villa's unsettled utility player, is considering a £150,000 move to Barnsley.

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Couples has a record tally of birdies in round of 61

From MEL WEBB IN DROTTNINGHOLM

FRED Couples, the American Ryder Cup golfer, broke one PGA European Tour record and almost equalled another during a remarkable round of 61 on the second day of the Scandinavian Masters tournament here in Sweden yesterday.

Couples had 12 birdies on the 6,747-yard Drottningholm course to break the record of 11 held jointly by Baldovino Dassu, José-Maria Cañizares, David Feherty, and his compatriot, Payne Stewart, who performed the feat last weekend when winning the Dutch Open at Noordwijk.

Couples, who started on the 11th, had taken only 53 strokes for his first 16 holes, and was threatening the world professional record of 59 held by Al Geiberger on the US Tour, Gary Player in a tournament in Brazil, and Miguel-Angel Martin, of Spain, in an event in Argentina.

He lost that chance when he bogeyed his 17th hole, and narrowly failed to equal the European record round of 60 when his 18-foot birdie putt shaved the hole at the 10th, his last.

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the round was that it followed a mediocre 74 on the first day that left Couples dejected and believing he would miss the halfway cut by a handsome margin. During that miserable first round he could make no headway on the greens, three-putting twice and also taking five putts from 20 feet at the par three 13th. Yesterday he took only 27 putts for the whole round, and from two over par finished the day nine under and back in contention for the £100,000 first prize.

"Yesterday I was pressing too much, and ended up feeling embarrassed with my performance" Couples said. "I wanted a good round, maybe a 66 or a 67, today, but I never expected this."

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HOLE-BY-HOLE GUIDE TO A RECORD ROUND

Couples started his round at the 11th hole; bold figures denote birdies, italic denotes bogey.

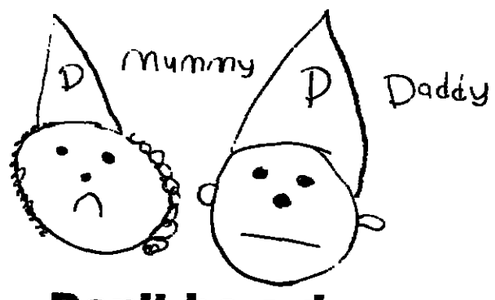
Hole	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	1	Out	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	In	Total
Yards	443	372	159	367	405	536	175	560	268	3,285	421	388	394	465	181	498	563	164	388	3,462	6,747
Par	4	4	3	4	4	5	3	5	4	36	4	4	4	4	3	5	5	3	4	36	72
Couples	3	3	3	3	*4*	*4*	2	4	3	29	*4*	*4*	3	3	2	4	4	*4*	*4*	32	61

Racegoers charged

THREE Goodwood racegoers were appearing at Chichester Magistrates Court today following a disturbance in the members' car park at the Sussex track on Thursday evening. The three men have been charged with public order and assault offences.

The three, all from Fulham, were named by Sussex police last night as David William Crane, aged 35, Martin West, 27, and his brother Stephen Charles West, 24. A fourth man, so far unnamed, was released on bail.

After the incident, two men were treated in St Richards Hospital, Chichester for facial wounds, but were later released.



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The new symbol for a new era in South Africa

SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

Today, South Africa is threatening to conclude its long-awaited talks on the unification of both rugby union and athletics. And as the world continues to trample itself to death in the rush to welcome the country back into the world – sometimes I get so confused by all this activity that I wonder if I missed the issue of the newspaper that announced that blacks had been given the vote – so South Africa ponders whether or not to keep its most incongruous symbol of apartheid, the springbok.

This delicate and elegant antelope, one whose response to danger is to jump up and down on the spot, has traditionally been the symbol of South African sport. That makes it, of course, the symbol of *white* sport, particularly of rugby and cricket. As South Africa begins to recreate itself, many feel that the springbok is not an appropriate symbol for black footballers and runners.

Accordingly, there has been debate about a new national sporting symbol. Favourite so far has been the zebra – the black-and-white stripes offer a symbolism hard to miss. I had always thought the ostrich was the perfect symbol of South African sport, but the thought of the zebra making its appearance in the murky half-light that precedes, let us hope, the dawn of a new era, is a cheering one.

Costume drama

This column, ever on the track of the biggest stories in sport, this week brings you the news that the Italian women's swimming team plans to race in two-piece costumes when they contest the European championships later this month. Ilaria Tocchini became the first women to wear a two-piece in an internationally sanctioned competition when she wore the costume in the Italian championships at Pesaro. She won her race, the 200 metres butterfly. The costumes are not titillating in any melodramatic sense, but they are supposed to have superior hydrodynamic qualities to traditional cozzies, which apparently become waterlogged. Tocchini summed up the importance of the new development: "It's funny," she said, "to feel the water on your tummy."

Renaissance men

This column, always in pursuit of the renaissance men of sport, sends greetings to the Chelsea Arts Club centenary cricket match, which takes place tomorrow at Ayrton Court, Chelsea. It takes the form of a Ruskin XI against a Whistler XI, and players will wear period costume. Whistler was, in fact, a member. The match commemorates, obviously enough, the famous libel case, in which Whistler was granted a farthing damages for Ruskin's accusation that he had "flung a pot of paint in the public's face". The players will include such renaissance men as Clive Radley, David Gower, if he can get away from Lord's in time, Brian Glover and Roger McGough.

Friendly Diego

Diego Maradona is planning to play football today. He has been training with Boca Juniors in Argentina, and has said he will turn out for a friendly organised jointly by the local football association and Argentinian actors, to honour an actor who was killed in a car crash. Maradona is serving a 15-month ban after traces of cocaine were found in his urine after a drugs test in March. He is on bail, charged with possession of and supplying cocaine, facing a prison sentence of up to 12 years. Observers say he is trimmer than he was a few months back, but looked exhausted after a 45-minute training session. His agent says Maradona "has still not decided whether he will continue playing, but he has another year to think about it." At least. However, Diego contradicted himself, for possibly the 373rd time this year, saying: "I will not play soccer professionally again. For the time being, it's an irrevocable decision."

Ryan's return

Greetings to G. P. "Geep' Ryan, aged 63, with nine grandchildren. He is in the middle of making a comeback as a professional jockey in the United States, after retiring in 1984. He retired because of drink. "When I sobered up, I realised I can do anything I want to," he said. "When I stopped drinking, I realised age wasn't the problem. I know I can't outdo the kids. I'm not even trying to compete with them. I have a lot of friends and this is a great way staying in touch with them." He says his grandchildren love to come and watch him ride races, but added "my wife isn't too enthused".

☐ *More on the cricket's irresistible march across the globe. Hot on the news that Belgium and Germany were both accepted last month as affiliate members of the International Cricket Conference, I now read in* Cricket World *magazine that the Laws of Cricket have been translated into Japanese. Nor does the exercise stop at mere Law: the translation is but a part of a booklet that includes a coaching manual, also in Japanese.*

Stalin's success

From apartheid to Stalinism – on the retreat everywhere, save in Venezuela. That country's star player in the recent Copa America football tournament, which takes in all ten South American nations, was a player called Stalin Rivas. Venezuela had a dreadful tournament, but the boy Stalin done great. And he is, ho-ho, a left-winger.

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